



TEDD...? ARE YOU AWAKE?



...YEAH, I'M AWAKE...



I HEARD YOU WALKING THROUGH THE HALLWAY. WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR SQUIRREL FORM? IT'S QUIETER.

I DON'T DO THAT ANYMORE.



YOU COULD IF YOU WANTED TO.

BUT I DON'T.



DO YOU THINK EVERYONE WILL BE OK WITH THE THEME FOR MY PARTY?

I DOUBT IT, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO CONVINCE THEM.



LOVE YOU.

LOVE YOU TOO.



... I JUST HOPE I STILL DO AFTER THIS PARTY...



TUESDAY MORNING, BEFORE CLASS...



IS SOMETHING
WRONG, TEDD?

GRACE'S 18TH
BIRTHDAY IS
SATURDAY.



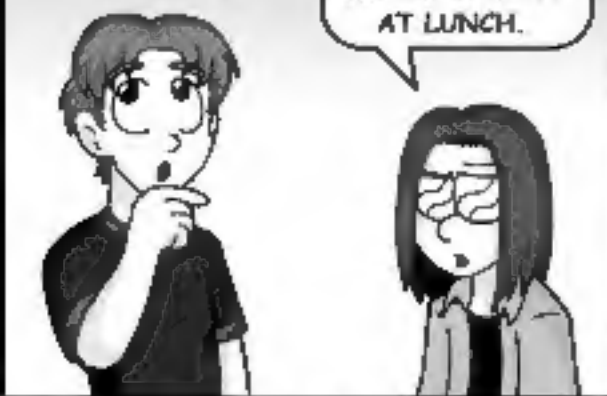
YEAH, ELLEN TOLD
ME THERE WAS GOING
TO BE A PARTY. ARE
YOU WORRIED ABOUT
WHAT YOU'RE GOING
TO GET GRACE?

...HOW MUCH
DID ELLEN TELL
YOU ABOUT
THIS PARTY?



SHE MOSTLY JUST TOLD ME THERE
WAS GOING TO BE ONE AND LAUGHED
MANIACALLY. WHY?

...I'LL EXPLAIN
AT LUNCH.



WHY
LUNCH?

BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING
TO EXPLAIN THIS BIRTH-
DAY PARTY THREE TIMES.
MORNING, SARAH.



DID HE SAY SOME-
THING ABOUT A
BIRTHDAY PARTY?

THE WAY HE'S
ACTING, YOU'D
THINK IT WAS
A FUNERAL...



"Party Recruiting: Can You Smell the Suspense? I know I Can! *Sniff"

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GRACE ACTUALLY EXPECTS EVERYONE TO GO ALONG WITH SWITCHING SEXES FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY?!

LOOK, I DON'T GET IT EITHER, BUT SHE REALLY WANTS THIS FOR SOME REASON.

AND WHY IS ELLEN EXCLUDED FROM TRANSFORMATION?

GRACE SAID IT'S BECAUSE ELLEN IS ALREADY TECHNICALLY TRANSFORMED, AND SHE'S BEEN ADAPTING TO HER CURRENT STATE. SHE'S WORRIED THAT ELLEN BEING A GUY COULD BE BAD.



SHE TOLD ELLEN IT WAS JUST TO KEEP THE BOY/GIRL COUNT EVEN, AND ELLEN WAS SUPPOSEDLY COMPLETELY HAPPY WITH THAT...

THIS IS NUTS, YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

WELL, DUH. BUT HERE'S THE THING: MY DAD'S OK WITH THIS WHOLE PARTY IS ON THE BASIS OF YOU BEING THERE.

...WHY?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THE POINT IS, WHETHER OR NOT THIS PARTY HAPPENS IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU.





WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO CONSIDER OUR OPINION OF MALES VALID BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEY ARE TOO INFLUENCED BY PHYSICAL DESIRE.



THIS PARTY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THAT TO THE TEST. AS IT IS, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR RESENTMENT TOWARDS OUR FATHER IS CLOUDING OUR JUDGEMENT, CAUSING US TO JUDGE MEN AS A WHOLE UNFAIRLY. AND OUR FRIENDS PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THIS JUST MIGHT BE THE CASE. IF WE DON'T GO, WE'LL BE LEFT WITH DOUBT.



FASCINATING. SHE ACTUALLY HAS A POINT.



IF DONE CORRECTLY, THERE SEEM TO BE NO DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH USING THE GUN TO TRANSFORM. FORMS HAVE TIME LIMITS, SO YOU SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT ONLY LASTS A FEW HOURS AT MOST, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT. OTHERWISE, IF YOU DON'T PARTICIPATE, YOU'LL WASTE A GOOD DEAL OF TIME PONDERING WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED ABOUT BOTH MEN AND YOURSELF.



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.

I WISH I WAS; I DOUBT I'LL BE OF ANY USE AT THE PARTY.



SUSAN? YOU WERE SAYING? OF COURSE... WHAT? "OF COURSE NOT?" "OF COURSE I'LL USE MY HAMMER?"





AFTER LUNCH...

THIS IS SO
MESSED UP.

I KNOW. I STILL
DON'T GET WHY
GRACE WANTS A
TRANSGENDER
BIRTHDAY PARTY.



ACTUALLY, I WAS REFERRING
TO YOUR ATTITUDE ABOUT IT.
THIS SORT OF THING SEEMS
RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY.



I DUNNO. GRACE HAS BEEN ACTING
REALLY WEIRD SINCE SATURDAY. AND
YEAH, I GUESS I SHOULD EXPECT THAT,
BUT IT'S LIKE SHE WANTS TO BE A
WHOLE DIFFERENT PERSON NOW SHE
WON'T EVEN TRANSFORM USING HER
NATURAL ABILITIES ANYMORE!



WHAT IF THIS IS A TEST RUN? WHAT IF
SHE WANTS TO BE A DUDE NOW? WHAT
IF I CAN'T STOP PICTURING HER AS A
DUDE AFTERWARDS? I'M NOT ATTRACTED
TO DUDES, AND IF SHE WINDS UP A
DUDE, OR IF I CAN'T STOP PICTURING
HER AS A DUDE--



DUDE, STOP SAYING DUDE!



I'M PRETTY SURE THAT "DUDE"
JOKE'S BEEN DONE BEFORE
SOMEWHERE.

WHAT JOKE? YOU WERE
DRIVING ME NUTS!



"Party Recruiting: And it probably has, but Dude, it fit too well to pass up"

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<THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REMEMBER MORE ABOUT WHY WE'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM.>

<WELL, IT IS PART OF OUR NATURE AS IMMORTALS TO FORGET AND RELEARN IN ORDER TO AVOID A MUNDANE EXISTENCE >



<YEAH BUT THIS IS TOO RECENT FOR ALL WE KNOW WE WERE JUST BORED ONE DAY AND DECIDED TO FOLLOW HIM AROUND WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME I THINK >



<THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE I THINK WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO PROTECT HIM FROM SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT TIME TO USE OUR SPECIAL MEMORY RETRIEVAL TECHNIQUES.>



<IT'S A SHAME WE FORGET HOW TO DO THOSE >

<UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHY WE'RE KEEPING TABS ON HIM, WE NEED TO KEEP DOING IT IT COULD JOG OUR MEMORIES.>



<RIGHT ALTHOUGH IF THAT INCIDENT WITH TEDD LOSING IT AND ZAPPING ELLIOT IS PART OF THE KEY TO ALL OF THIS >



"< THEN WHY ARE WE FOLLOWING ELLIOT?>"



AFTER SCHOOL

MAYBE ELLIOT'S RIGHT
MAYBE I AM OVERREACTING
TO THE THIS WHOLE "GRACE
AS A GUY" THING



SHE'S BEEN
TRYING TO BE
HUMAN, NOT A
DUDE SHE
COULDN'T REALLY
WANT TO
SWITCH
PERMANENTLY



FOCUS ON THE BRIGHT
SIDES. FOCUS ON THE
IDEA OF ELLIOT AND THAT
JUSTIN GUY BEING TRANS-
FORMED FOCUS ON IT
BEING GRACE'S BIRTHDAY



FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT GRACE IS
ON YOUR LIST OF THE TOP 3 GREATEST
THINGS THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO
YOU AMONG MEETING ELLIOT AND
WORKING ON THE TF GUN AND DON'T
FOCUS ON THE IDEA OF YOUR GIRL-
FRIEND BEING A BISEXUAL GUY--



"INSERT
GRAPHIC
ADULT
IMAGES
HERE"



DAMMIT ME I
TOLD YOU NOT
TO FOCUS ON
THAT!!



ARRGH. WHY DOES THIS
BOTHER ME SO MUCH?!
I'VE SEEN GRACE AS A GUY
BEFORE BACK WHEN SHE
WAS IN MY FORM! WHY
DIDN'T THAT BOTHER ME
THIS MUCH?



"NIGHT OUT, PART II"



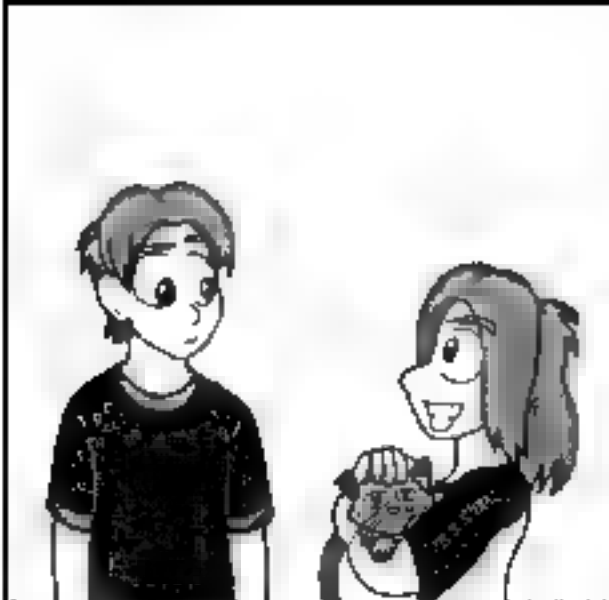
EITHER I'M A
NARCISSIST OR I'M JUST
THAT GIRLY EITHER WAY
IT'S A DISTURBING
REVELATION.



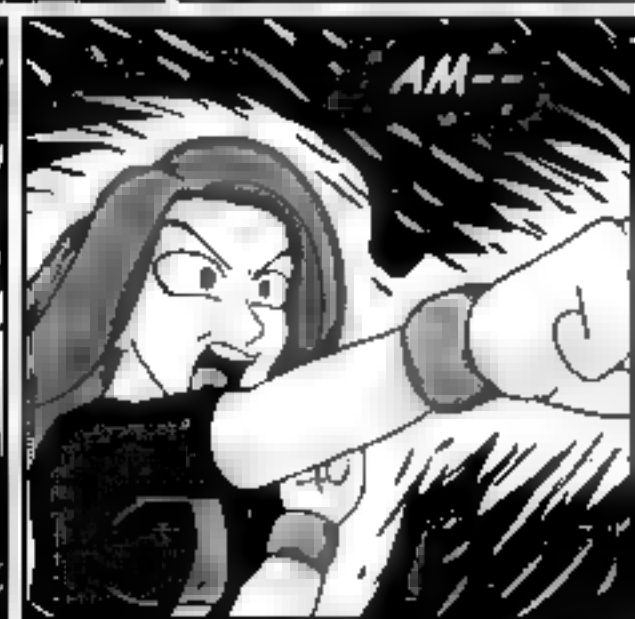
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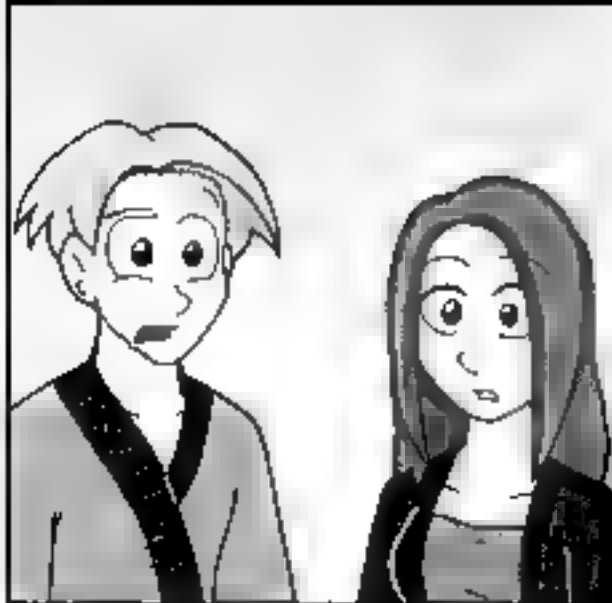
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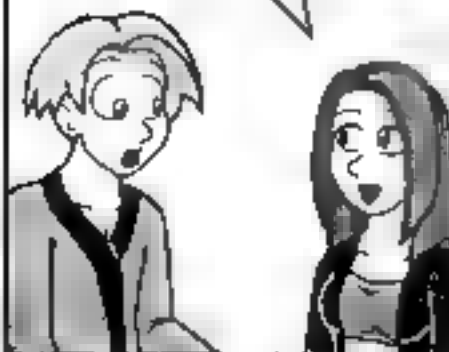




IS IT EVEN SAFE TO GET TRANSFORMED WITH TEDD'S GUN? IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR YOU SEEING AS YOU CAN TRANSFORM WITHOUT IT



ELLIOT CAN TURN INTO A GIRL ON HIS OWN?



YEAH, I SAW IT FOR MYSELF! IT WAS REALLY--

UM.
NEAT IT WAS NEAT



TEDD HAS READ URYUOM AND GOVERNMENT STUDIES THAT SHOW THAT BEING MORPHED BY THINGS LIKE TEDD'S GUN CAN ACTUALLY INCREASE LONGEVITY IN NON-SHAPESHIFTING BEINGS AND IT DOES WONDERS FOR THE SINUSES!



THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD BUT GRACE REALLY EXPECTS US TO GO TO A PARTY FOR A GIRL WE BARELY EVEN KNOW AND HAVE OUR SEXES SWITCHED FOR THE EVENING?!



I DON'T THINK SHE REALLY UNDERSTANDS WHY THIS MIGHT BE A BIG DEAL TO SOME PEOPLE

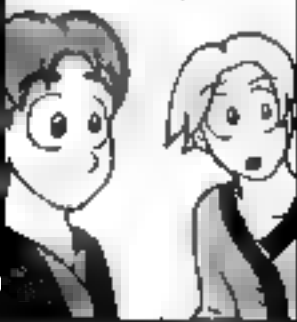


MIGHT BE? WHO WOULD JUST CALMLY AGREE TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

WHAT TIME SHOULD I BE THERE?



NANASE? WHY
DO YOU WANT
TO GO TO
THIS PARTY?



I HAVE MY REASONS ALSO,
YOU SHOULDN'T GET MAD AT
GRACE. SHE SPENT MOST OF
HER LIFE AWAY FROM
NORMAL SOCIETY SO HER
ENTIRE PERCEPTION OF
NORMAL ACCEPTABLE SOCIAL
BEHAVIOR IS BASED ON
LIVING WITH TEDD.



SO I
SHOULD
BLAME
TEDD?

IT'S
STANDARD
PROCEDURE



HUH
YOU DON'T
LOOK LIKE
A GIRL.



I DON'T
TRANSFORM
WITH WATER!
I WILL IT
TO HAPPEN!

OH. HEH. SORRY A FRIEND OF MINE
ROPED ME INTO WATCHING A "RANMA
1/2" MARATHON OVER THE WEEKEND
I GUESS IT WENT TO MY HEAD



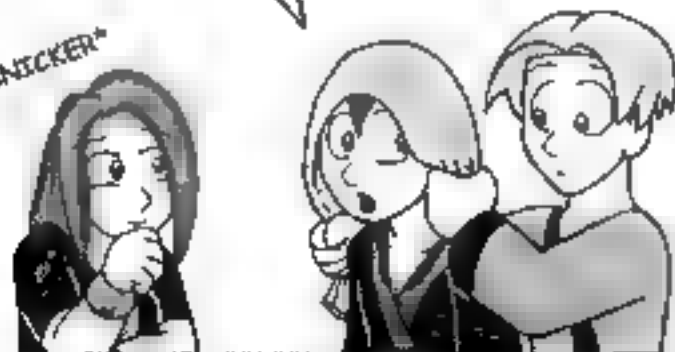
JUSTIN GO
GRAB SOME TOWELS AND DRY
OFF ELLIOT

YES SIR!



YOU KNOW JUSTIN IT REALLY *IS* SAFE TEDD MADE A SECOND GUN RECENTLY AND EVEN IF THEY *BOTH* BREAK, THE FORMS WILL END ON THEIR OWN AFTER TWELVE HOURS I KNOW IT'D BE A BIT AWKWARD BUT DO YOU *REALLY* WANT TO MISS OUT ON SEEING EVERYONE TRANSFORMED?

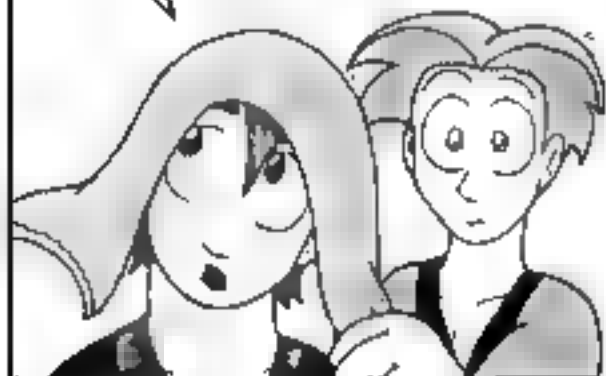
SNECKER



IT DOES SOUND INTERESTING IN A WAY BUT IT *ALSO* SOUNDS CRAZY AND I HAVE NO INTEREST IN BEING A GIRL



ALRIGHT I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO DO THIS BUT I *REALLY* WANT YOU TO COME, SO IF YOU DO, I'LL LET YOU PLAY WITH MY HAIR WHILE I'M TRANS-



AHEM YOU'RE UM. JUST *ASSUMING* THAT WOULD INTEREST ME BECAUSE I'M GAY

NO I'M *ASSUMING* IT WOULD INTEREST YOU BECAUSE YOU'VE PLAYED WITH HAIR AT *EVERY* OPPORTUNITY I'VE SEEN



IF YOU'LL COME TO THE PARTY I'LL GET TEDD TO ENGINEER A FEMALE VARIANT WITH *REALLY* LONG HAIR, AND I'LL LET YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH IT

LONGER THAN SUSAN'S HAIR

H-HOW LONG ARE WE TALKING HERE?



FINE I'LL GO BUT *NOT* BECAUSE OF YOUR HAIR OR SEEING GUY VERSIONS OF THE GIRLS!

SURRE
YOU'RE NOT

HAIR
WHORE



SEE YA GUYS TELL GRACE
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" FOR ME

I COULD ASK IF IT
WOULD BE ALRIGHT
FOR YOU TO COME
TO THE PARTY IF
YOU LIKE



THANKS BUT NO IF I
EVER ATTEND A PARTY
LIKE THE ONE YOU WERE
TALKING ABOUT I'D WANT
EVERYONE OLD ENOUGH
TO HAVE ALCOHOL
READILY AVAILABLE



IF YOU COULD HOWEVER,
PASS ON TO GRACE THAT I'D BE
HAPPY TO HAVE HER BE A PART
OF MY CLASS AND THAT I WOULD
CONSIDER FREE PRIVATE LESSONS
ONCE A WEEK FOR PRACTICING HER
MORE "UNIQUE" ABILITIES



WOW THAT'S
GENEROUS OF
YOU BUT SHE
REALLY DOESN'T
LIKE FIGHTING
OR VIOLENCE



WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY
SHE SHOULD SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER LEARNING
MARTIAL ARTS



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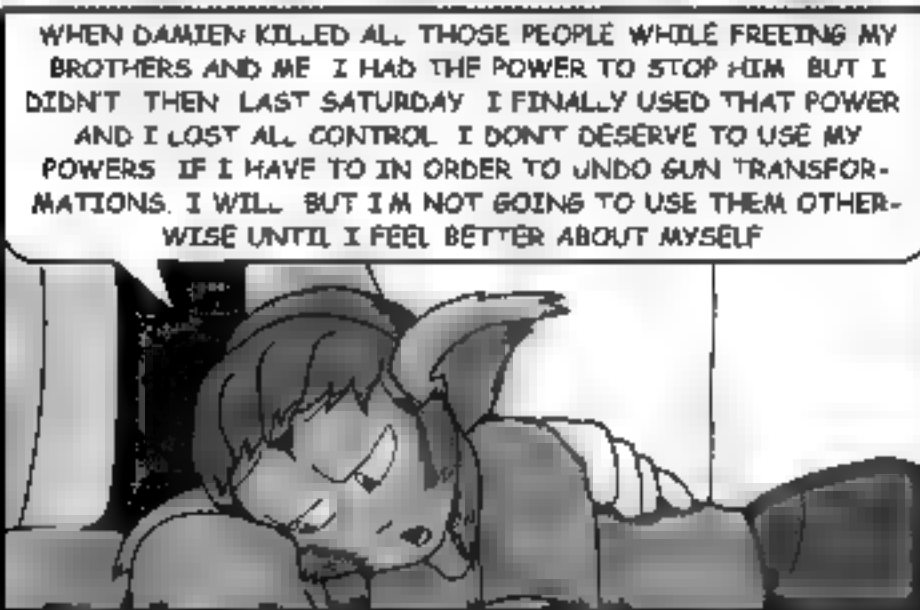
LOOK GRACE IS SOMEONE WITH A HISTORY THAT MAKES
HER MORE LIKELY TO HAVE TO DEFEND HERSELF THAN
OTHERS. WITH MARTIAL ARTS IT'S POSSIBLE TO SUBDUCE
AN OPPONENT WITHOUT CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY TO THEM.
IF ALL GRACE HAS TO FALL BACK ON OTHER THAN FLAT-OUT
RUNNING AWAY IS GROWING CLAWS AND SLASHING AT
HER OPPONENT. SERIOUSLY INJURING HER OPPONENT MAY BE
HER ONLY OPTION. I DOUBT SHE WANTS THAT



WOW THERE'S A LOT OF
WISDOM TO THAT

GET ELLEN IN HERE
TOO I'VE GOT BOX
SETS I WANT TO BUY



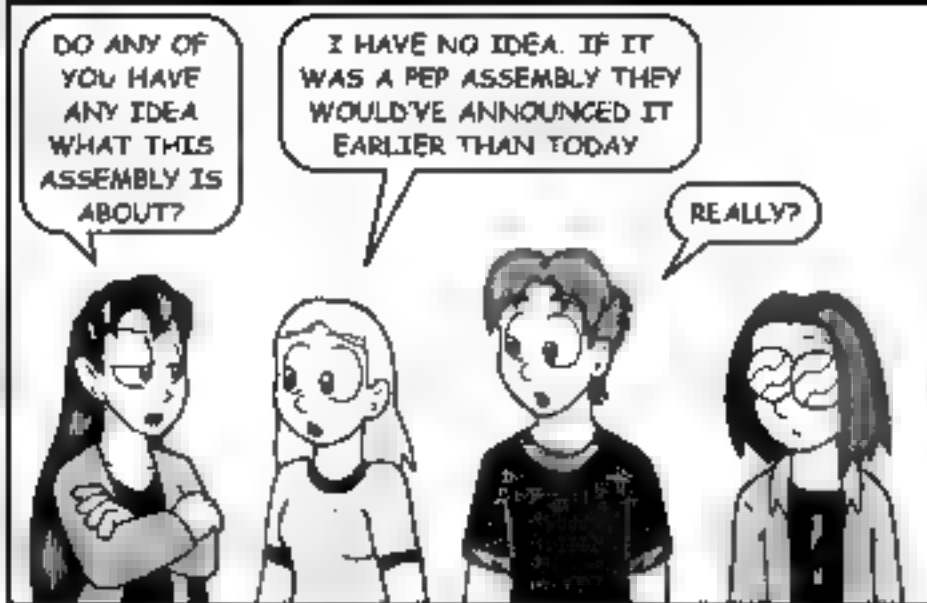


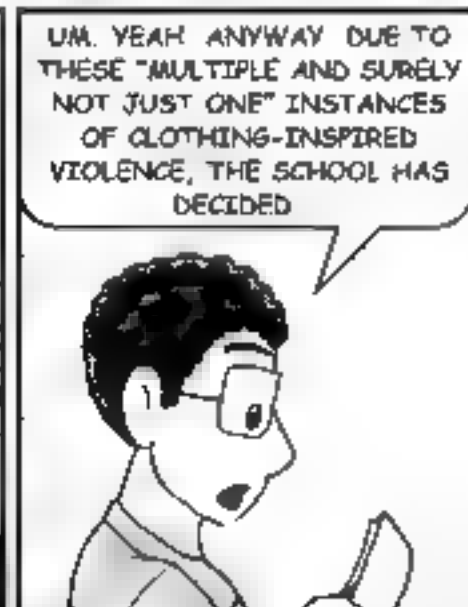
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"Party Fashion: Sarah's Gonna be the Best Darn Boyfriend She can be!"

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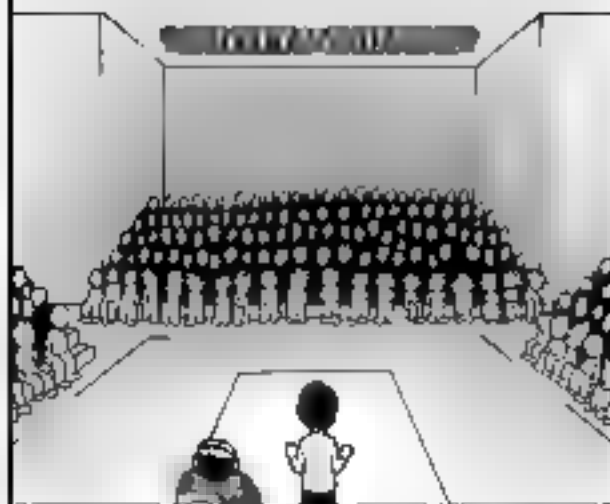




NOW I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL EAGER TO SEE WHAT WE'LL BE WEARING STARTING NEXT WEEK, SO HERE ARE FELLOW STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS-- OOPS DID I SAY "STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS"? I MEANT "THE LATEST FASHION MODELS!"



"HOLD FOR LAUGHTER"



ALRIGHT JUST GET UP HERE



FOR THE MALE POPULATION, THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE A WHITE SHIRT WITH A COLLAR AND BLACK PANTS. BLACK JEANS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE DUE TO SOME BIZARRE ANTI JEAN SENTIMENT THAT RUNS RAMPANT IN THE BUSINESS



THE LADIES OF MOPERVILLE NORTH WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THEY'LL STILL BE ABLE TO LOOK THEIR FINEST IN THESE SNAZZY GIRLS UNIFORMS! A WHITE BLOUSE A BLACK VEST AND A BLACK SKIRT WILL BE THE REQUIRE



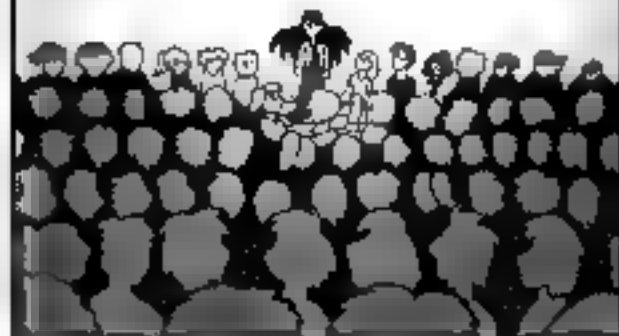
BLACK TIES ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR UNIFORMS FOR REASONS SURELY NOT RELATED TO THOSE COSTING EXTRA. ALL OTHER ACCESSORIES ARE MANDATORY AND ONLY SNEAKERS ARE ALLOWED TO INCLUDE COLORS OTHER THAN BLACK OR WHITE NOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



THIS ISN'T FAIR!



WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO WEAR SKIRTS!



I HAVEN'T WORN A SKIRT IN YEARS AND I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO START NOW! AND WHY THE HELL SHOULD WE HAVE TO WEAR VESTS? THEY SERVE NO PURPOSE!



YOUNG LADY, YOU HOLD YOUR TONGUE! DON'T MAKE ME HAVE SECURITY REMOVE YOU FROM THIS ASSEMBLY!

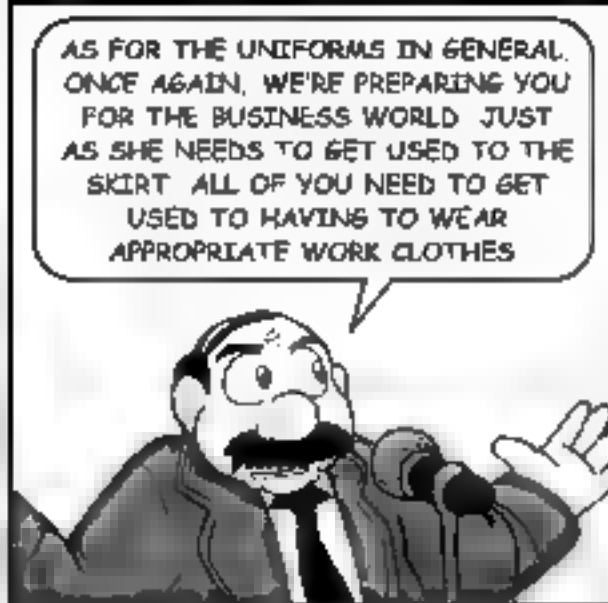
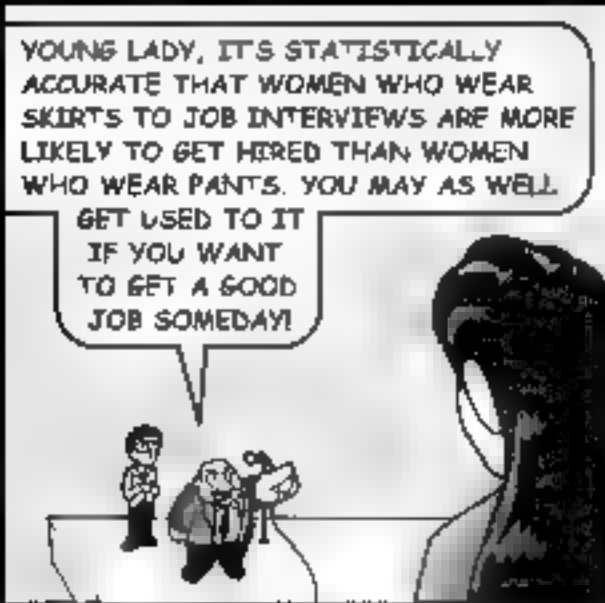
YOUR NARCS DON'T HAVE THE GUTS!



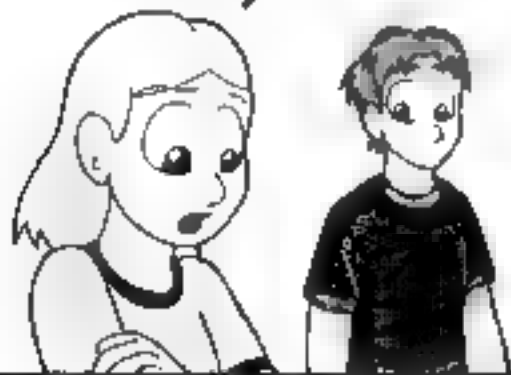
SHE'S RIGHT WE DON'T

SHE'S A SCARY LADY!





STUPID PRINCIPAL MAKING US WEAR UNIFORMS. I'M COMFORTABLE WITH MY REGULAR OUTFITS! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO ADAPT TO SOMETHING SOMEONE ELSE PICKED OUT!



YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY, SARAH WOMEN LOOK GREAT IN UNIFORMS! IF ANYTHING YOU'LL LOOK WELL SEXY IN A SCHOOL UNIFORM!



OH REALLY NOW?

OH YEAH, IF THERE'S ANY UPSIDE TO THIS IT'S THAT GIRLS ALL OVER THE SCHOOL WILL BE LOOKING HOT!



JM, NOT THAT I'D NOTICE THEM, OF COURSE



I THINK I KNOW WHAT I WANT YOU TO WEAR TO THE PARTY NOW

REALLY? WHAT?



OH.

DON'T WORRY IT'S A UNIFORM! YOU'LL LOOK HOT!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT - ELLEN ONCE MORE
DREAMS OF ANOTHER LIFE



ARCHIE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT TO
GO OUT WITH ME HE SAYS HE'D RATHER
JUST BE FRIENDS. IT'S JUST ANOTHER
WAY OF SAYING I'M JGLY



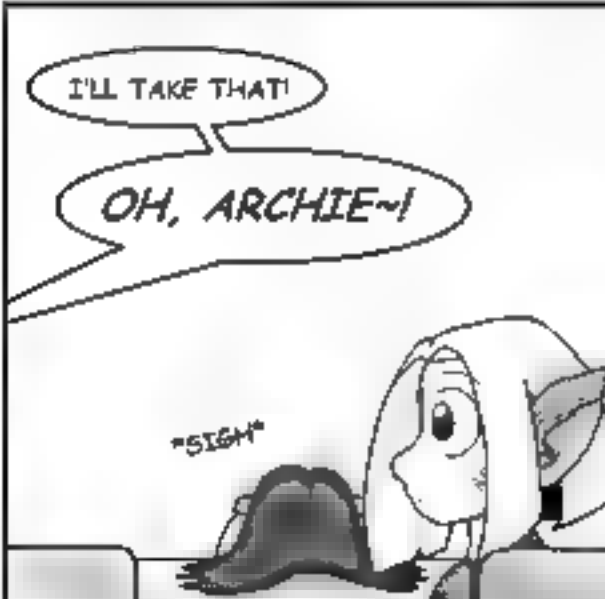
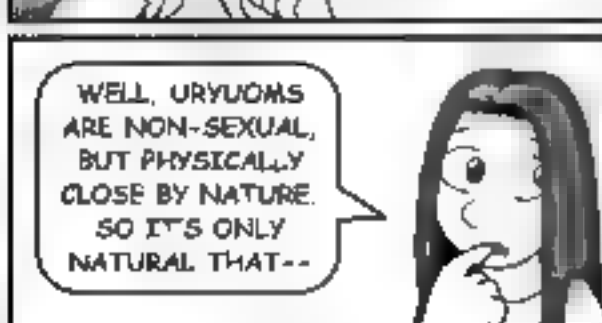
NOT ONLY ARE YOU NO WAY NEAR JGLY
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY IF
ARCHIE DOESN'T WANT TO GO OUT
WITH YOU HE'S A GREATER CHIMERA
AND A WHOPPING 40% OF GREATER
CHIMERAS ARE NON-SEXUAL DUE
TO THEIR URYUOM SIDE

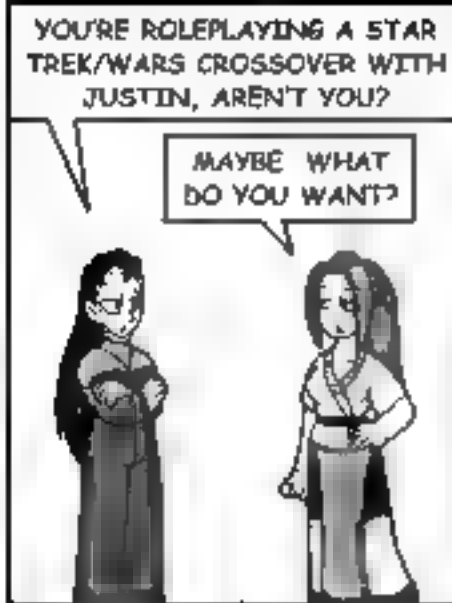


A NON-SEXUAL IS CAPABLE OF HAVING
KIDS AND WOULD MOST LIKELY STILL
DESIRE COMPANIONSHIP, BUT A NON-
SEXUAL CHIMERA IS MORE LIKELY TO
JUST WANT TO HUG AND CUDDLE WITH
FRIENDS THAN BE IN A RELATIONSHIP
AT A YOUNG AGE WHICH I BET IS
THE CASE WITH ARCHIE



WAIT IF YOU'RE
RIGHT HE'S MOST
LIKELY INTO
HUGGING AND
CUDDLING WITH
FRIENDS?





ALRIGHT ELLEN PROBLEM SOLVED

YOU DECIDED
ON AN OUTFIT
FOR ME?

NAH, I'M
GETTING NANASE
TO DO IT FOR ME



NANASE'S PICKING
OUT MY OUTFIT?!

WORKS FOR
ME! THANKS!

YEP HAPPY
NOW?



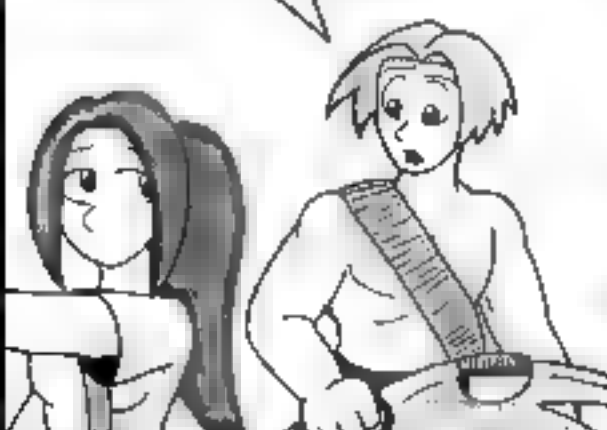
SO WHAT AM I GOING TO BE WEARING?

WELL, I HAD JUST
GRABBED SOMETHING OUT
OF ELLIOT'S CLOSET BUT
NOW I'M GOING TO PUT
SOME REAL THOUGHT
INTO IT!

WAIT
WHAT?



NANASE WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOU JUST
TRIED TO FORCE PUSH THE ENEMY
GENERAL BUT I ALREADY SAID I TOOK
HIM OUT WITH MY BLADE!



SORRY, I'M A LITTLE DISTRACTED
IT'S UP TO ME WHAT YOU'LL BE
WEARING AS A GIRL. ISN'T IT?

YES, BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE
TO DO WITH SAVING THE ALPHA
QUADRANT FROM TAKE OVER BY
SITH FOUNDERS?



NANASE? DON'T YOU GO IDLE ON ME!
NANASE?!



GREAT THE
FATE OF
THE ALPHA
QUADRANT
SEALED BY
AN IDLE
JEDI



FRIDAY MORNING OUTSIDE THE GYM.

I DON'T GET WHY SOME OF THE LOSERS IN THIS SCHOOL ARE SO PISSED ABOUT THESE UNIFORMS.



I'LL MISS LETTING MY CHEST TELL PEOPLE I'M #1. BUT IT'S WORTH IT TO GET EVERY LAST CHICK IN THE SCHOOL IN SKIRTS



EH, IT'S NOT REALLY FAIR BUT IT'S NOT AS BIG A DEAL AS THAT ONE GIRL MADE IT OUT TO BE

DAMN RIGHT! THE ONLY WAY IT WOULD REALLY BE BAD WOULD BE IF GUYS HAD TO WEAR SKIRTS.



ALTHOUGH, SOME GUYS'LL PROBABLY TRY WEARING THEM ANYWAY. AIN'T THAT RIGHT TEDD? GOTTA LOOK GOOD FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND ELLIOT EH?



TONY DON'T CRACK WISE ABOUT THAT! THAT'S NOT A PC THING TO MAKE FUN OF!

WHAT THE HELL DO COMPUTERS HAVE TO DO WITH HIS GAYNESS?



FOR THE RECORD I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE!

I'M NOT GAY!



"Party Fashion: This isn't the First Time Tedd's Been Accused of This"

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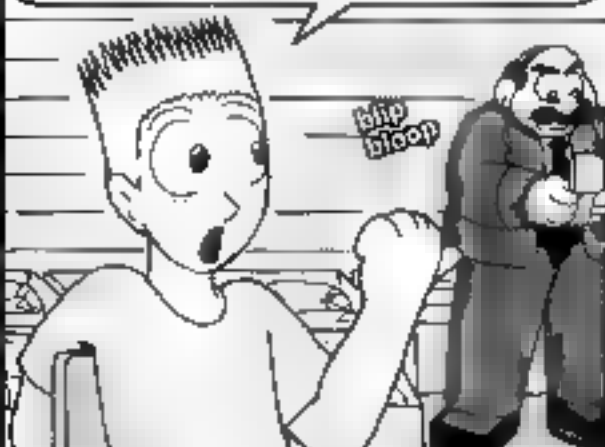
IS THERE A PROBLEM?



I KNOW I'M IRRESISTIBLE TO THE LADIES. BUT YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG LINE GIRLS NEED TO GO IN ONE OF THE LINES FOR THE GIRL UNIFORMS

I'M NOT WEARING A SKIRT I WANT THE UNIFORM WITH PANTS AND NO VEST

EACH STUDENT WAS GIVEN THREE VOUCHERS I'M NOT ALLOWED TO ACCEPT GIRL VOUCHERS FOR GUY UNIFORMS ORDERS FROM THE TOP, YO



A VOUCHER IS A VOUCHER JUST GIVE ME MY UNIFORMS AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY



NO YOUR VOUCHERS ARE PINK PINK IS FOR GIRLS AND GIRLS GO IN THE OTHER LINES I ONLY TAKE BLUE ONES



BUT...

SORRY LADY BUT RULES ARE RULES **NEXT!**

GREAT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE
TO BUY MY OWN UNIFORMS

EEK!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING IN
THIS LINE?!

RELAX! I ALREADY
HAVE CLOTHES
SUITABLE FOR THE
MALE UNIFORM!
I JUST WANT
TO PICK UP
UNIFORMS FOR
MY GIRLFRIEND!

YOUR GIRLFRIEND? WHY ISN'T
SHE IN LINE INSTEAD OF YOU?

WELL, SHE
DOESN'T GO
TO THIS
SCHOOL.
SO.

ONLY STUDENTS OF THIS
SCHOOL GET THESE UNIFORMS
FOR FREE. AND WE DON'T NEED
CROSS DRESSERS! GO TO ONE
OF THE BOY LINES!

I NEVER CROSS DRESS
IN GIRLS CLOTHING!
I TOLD YOU I HAVE
THE CLOTHES I NEED
ALREADY, AND THESE
WOULD BE FOR MY--

GET OUT OF THIS LINE!

OK OK!
SHEESH!

EX-CELLENT

SORRY I GOT SO TICKED LAST NIGHT ABOUT YOU GOING IDLE BUT I WAS REALLY ENJOYING OUR GAME

IT'S OK I DID JUST SORT OF SPACE OUT



WHAT MADE IT WORSE WAS YOU MENTIONED THE PARTY RIGHT BEFORE GOING THAT WHOLE THING PUTS ME ON EDGE

BECAUSE OF THE GIRL STUFF?

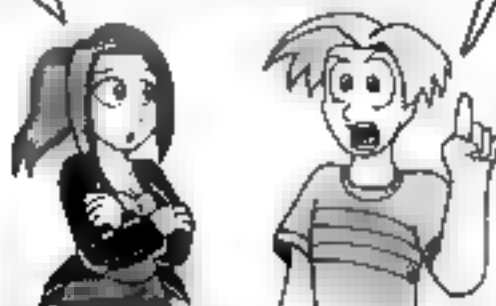


WELL THAT AND IT'S A PARTY FOR GRACE THE FIRST TIME WE MET, WE FOUGHT A SLIME MONSTER, AND THEN THE SECOND TIME I SEE HER. PEOPLE WHO ARE AFTER HER KIDNAP ELLIOT AND MY THIRD TIME SEEING HER IS A TRANSFORMATION PARTY?!



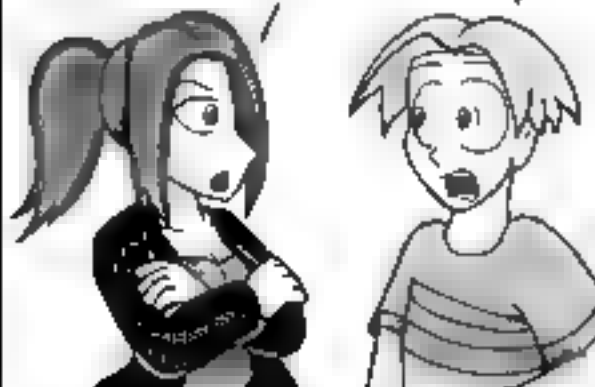
THAT GIRL IS TROUBLE!

YOU MAY HAVE A POINT THERE BUT SHE SEEMS LIKE A NICE GIRL. AND WE SHOULD TRY TO GET TO KNOW HER BETTER SEEING AS SHE'LL BE STARTING SCHOOL WITH ELLEN NEXT WEEK



GRACE IS COMING TO SCHOOL HERE?!

YES, AND WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME HER TO SPEND TIME WITH US AFTER ALL. I'D BE DEAD NOW IF NOT FOR HER



OH, RIGHT IT WASN'T HER FAULT THE GOO WAS THERE AND SHE STOPPED IT FROM IMPALING BOTH YOU AND ELLEN. DAMN, THAT'S SOME MAJOR BROWNIE POINTS RIGHT THERE

I'M TOUCHED



GRACE WILL NEED FRIENDS AT SCHOOL SHE'S NEVER ATTENDED BEFORE AND IT'LL PROBABLY BE WEIRD FOR HER HAVING TO BE SO SECRETIVE ABOUT WHO SHE IS AND WHAT SHE CAN DO.



SPEAKING OF WEIRD THINGS MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE MORE DISCREET

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME FLOATING?



HELLO, NANASE JUSTIN

MR BLEVEU UM HELLO



AHEM

UM YEAH SORRY ABOUT THAT



SIGH



I DON'T THINK PHYSICS TEACHERS LIKE ME



I CAN'T WAIT FOR TOMORROW!
IT'LL BE GREAT GETTING TO
KNOW EVERYONE BETTER!
NANASE, JUSTIN, SARAH



OH.

"OH"
WHAT?



I IT'S
NOTHING!

NO
COME ON
TELL ME



WELL, IT'S JUST YOU
HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF
SARAH SINCE THAT DAY WE
FOUGHT THE GOO. HAVE
YOU? ARE YOU GOING TO BE
OK BEING AT A PARTY WITH
BOTH HER AND ELLIOT?



IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO BE
CONCERNED, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T
WORRY ABOUT THAT. I DON'T
KNOW IF IT'S MY BISEXUALITY
OR MY EMBRACING MY DIFFERENCES
FROM ELLIOT OR WHATEVER,
BUT I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY
ABOUT SARAH ANYMORE.



IF ANYTHING, I'M LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING HER AS A FRIEND AGAIN
AND I'M HAPPY SHE'S WITH ELLIOT.

I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.

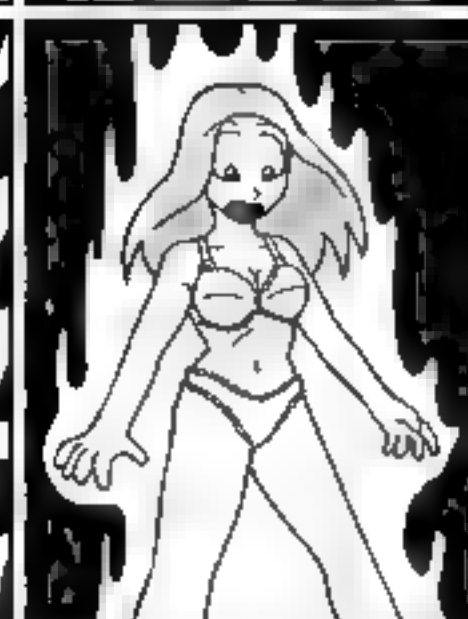
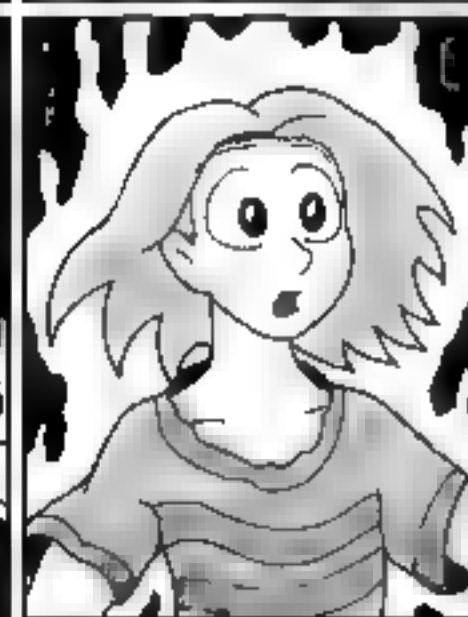


OF COURSE I WOULDN'T SAY NO TO
BEING A FRIEND "WITH BENEFITS"
BUT I FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT ALMOST
EVERYONE THESE DAYS.

BENEFITS? LIKE
SHARING STUFF?

SURE
WHY
NOT?





SATURDAY MORNING

GRACE? ARE YOU AWAKE?

knock
knock



SO WHY DO I HAVE TO GET UP SO EARLY TODAY?

IT'S 9:00 AM



THAT'S NOT EARLY?

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET UP MUCH EARLIER ON MONDAY



"Family Reunion For Your Viewing Pleasure, Sleepy Grace!"

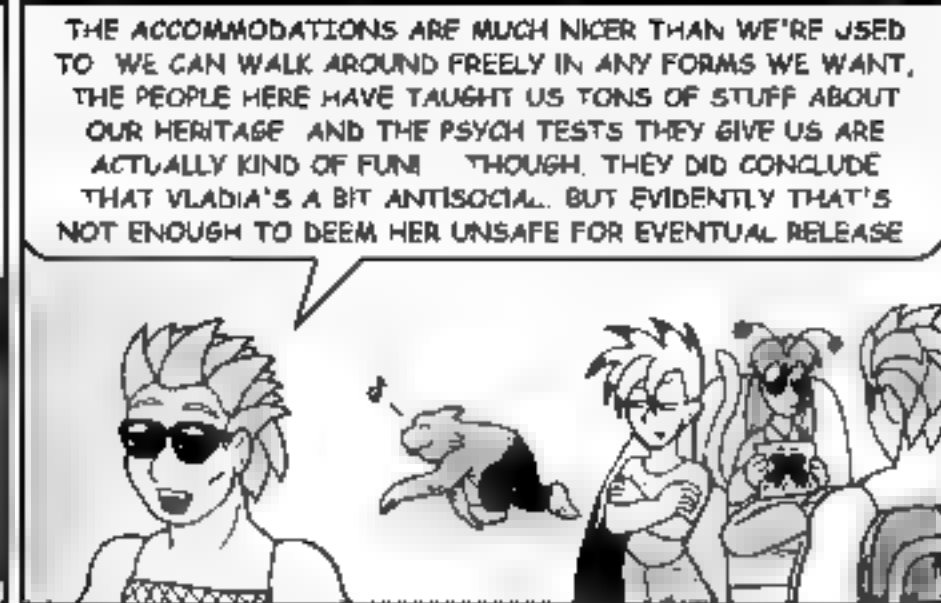
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SO HOW ARE THINGS AT THAT UM GOVERNMENT PLACE?

GOOD. ACTUALLY



THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE MUCH NICER THAN WE'RE USED TO. WE CAN WALK AROUND FREELY IN ANY FORMS WE WANT. THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE TAUGHT US TONS OF STUFF ABOUT OUR HERITAGE AND THE PSYCH TESTS THEY GIVE US ARE ACTUALLY KIND OF FUN! THOUGH, THEY DID CONCLUDE THAT VLADIA'S A BIT ANTISOCIAL. BUT EVIDENTLY THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO DEEM HER UNSAFE FOR EVENTUAL RELEASE



WHEN WILL YOU BE RE-LEASED?

WE'RE NOT SURE ACTUALLY. THEY WANT TO PREPARE US MORE FOR FUNCTIONING IN THE "NORMAL" WORLD AND HAVE TOLD US THEY'D TRY TO GET US JOBS HERE IF WE WANT THEM



THAT'S GREAT! HEY GUINEAS, I'VE GOTTA ASK. I KNOW YOU USED TO PREFER BEING IN YOUR PIGGY FORM, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER FOR YOU NOW IN YOUR HUMAN FORM?



SQUEE
SQUEE
SQUEE
SQUEE
"SNORT"
SQUEE

OH, I'M SURE THE WOMEN THERE AREN'T SCARED OF YOUR HUMAN FORM!

SQUEE
SQUEE?

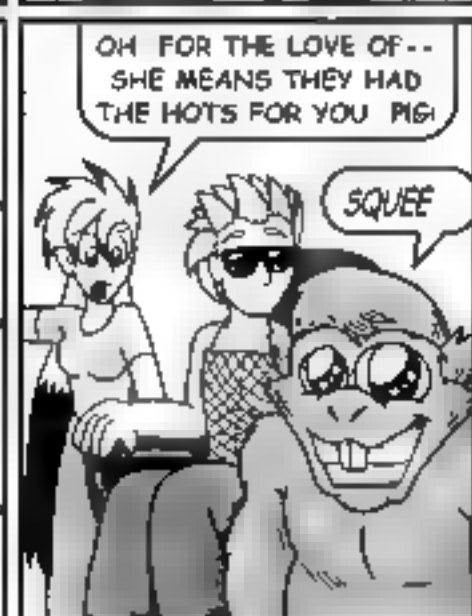


WELL, THEY PROBABLY ACTED NERVOUS AROUND YOU BECAUSE THEY LIKED YOU, SILLY!

SQUEE?

UM YOU KNOW LIKE THEY LIKED YOU IN A "SPECIAL" WAY?

SQUEE?



OH FOR THE LOVE OF-- SHE MEANS THEY HAD THE HOTS FOR YOU PIG!

SQUEE

SO UM
"VLADIA" STILL
FEMALE HUH?



GEE WHAT
TIPPED YOU OFF
PROFESSOR?

SAH!



WELL, I JUST MEAN, WHY HAVEN'T YOU
TURNED INTO A BOY? NOW THAT A
TRANSFORMATION BEAM'S BEEN USED
ON YOU YOU SHOULD IN THEORY BE
ABLE TO TRANSFORM SAFELY



"IN THEORY", I SHOULD'VE
ONLY GOTTEN DIZZY AS
OPPOSED TO RISKING MY
LIFE WHEN TRANSFORMING
IN THE PAST AND THERE S
MORE TO IT THAN THAT



IN MY MONSTER FORM, I
HAD ANTENNAE COMING OUT
OF MY CHEEKS AND JAW I
SHOULD STILL HAVE THEM.



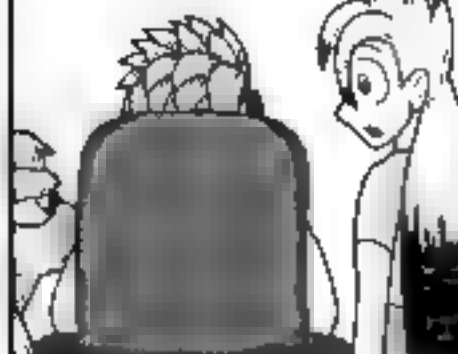
YOU'RE RIGHT
ELLEN'S BEAM
SHOULDN'T BE
THAT THOROUGH



THE DOCTORS HERE AGREE WITH YOU
THEY ALSO SAY IT SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT
WITH SUCH FORCE THEIR THEORY IS
THAT ELLEN PUT MORE ENERGY INTO IT
AND THAT MODIFIED THE BEAM IN ANY
CASE I'M NOT RISKING MY LIFE AND
MY FACE WHEN I'M HAPPY LIKE THIS.



YES! CAN T YOU
TELL? I HAVEN'T
THREATENED TO
HURT ANYONE
IN DAYS!



WELL, GRACE YOU'VE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK US ABOUT OUR FORMS. I'D SAY IT'S OUR TURN NOW



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I MEAN. WHY ARE YOU STILL IN A TOTALLY HUMAN FORM WITH NO ANTENNAE?



I DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE POWERS



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THIS BETTER BE GOOD

SQUEE?



BACK WHEN DAMIEN FIRST ATTACKED I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD A FAIR CHANCE AGAINST HIM, BUT I COVERED IN MY CAGE AND THEN A WEEK AGO WHEN I FINALLY STOOD UP TO HIM? I LOST CONTROL. I ATTACKED HIM SAVAGELY AND EVEN AFTER I CAME TO MY SENSES. IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE I'D DRIVEN HIM TO END HIS OWN LIFE



GRACE IF I WASN'T SO FAR AWAY FROM YOU RIGHT NOW



I WOULD SLAP THE HELL OUT OF YOU



YOU'RE HONESTLY GOING TO SIT THERE AND TELL ME THAT YOU FEEL *GUILTY* OVER DAMIEN'S DEATH? HE *BEAT* YOU! HE *KILLED* PEOPLE! HE WANTED TO KILL MORE PEOPLE!



FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD YOU DIDN'T EVEN ATTACK HIM UNTIL AFTER YOU LEARNED HE KILLED OUR FATHER AND THREATENED TO KILL YOUR FRIENDS AND IN THE END YOU EVEN OFFERED HIM A CHANCE AT



REDEMPTION!
HOW CAN YOU
FEEL BADLY
ABOUT THAT?

IT'S. IT'S NOT JUST THAT I COULD'VE SAVED SO MANY PEOPLE BACK WHEN HE FIRST ATTACKED. I ONLY STOOD UP TO HIM WHEN I LOST CONTROL AND I I BEAT HIM SO SAVAGELY THAT HE THAT HE



IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HOW "SAVAGE" YOU WERE! YOU HAD *LESPUKO* CLAWS IN THAT FORM YOU WERE IN THEY'VE TOLD US THAT CUTS FROM *LESPUKO* CLAWS CAN *SLOW REGENERATION* WITHOUT THOSE CLAWS YOUR ATTACKS BARELY WOULD'VE FAZED HIM!



IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER? THAT'S JUST ONE MORE REASON I FAILED ALL THOSE PEOPLE DAMIEN KILLED!



WHY? YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE DESIGNED TO FIGHT HIM! YOU WERE A KID WITH- OUT A CLUE AND IF YOU'D TRIED ANYTHING, YOU'D BE DEAD NOW!



ALL MY LIFE *GRACE* FOR ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO TRANSFORM I WILL NOT SEE YOU *SQUANDER* THE GIFT YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN BECAUSE OF SOME *GUILT TRIP* OVER CRAP THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!





GRACE, EVERYTHING VLADIA SAID WAS RIGHT. THOUGH SHE NEEDN'T HAVE BEEN SO AGGRESSIVE ABOUT IT.



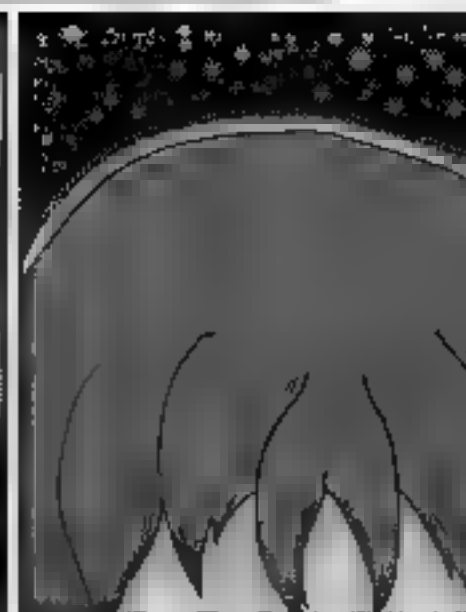
WHAT DAMIEN'S DONE IN THE PAST IS NOT YOUR FAULT, NOR CAN ANYONE REASONABLY HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU'RE THE ONE DOING SO.



YOU APPEASE NO ONE LEAST OF ALL THOSE WHO LOVE YOU BY DENYING YOURSELF THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM. WE WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY AND WE WANT YOU TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF! YOU DESERVE TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF!



WHEN YOU WERE BORN, YOU CAME OUT OF THAT EGG IN YOUR HALF-SQUIRREL FORM. YOU WON'T DO THE DAY JUSTICE WITHOUT ASSUMING THAT FORM AT LEAST ONCE. AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU NOT TO NONE AT ALL, GRACE.







TEDD

MURM.



TEDD?

ZAPPY



TEDD!

HU-WHA?



GOOD MORNING!



HELLO!

GRACE!

SQUIRREL?

YES!



THIS IS
GREAT! YOU
MUST BE
FEELING
BETTER!

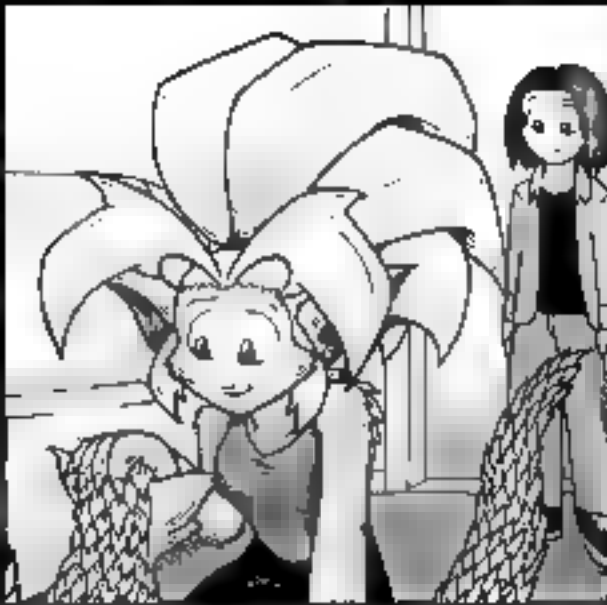
I AM NOT TOTALLY
BUBBLY YET BUT
THE PARTY SHOULD
HELP WITH THAT!



BUBBLY?

IT SUITED ME ONCE
AND IT WILL SUIT ME
AGAIN!

OK THEN.



IT'S WONDERFUL THAT SHE'S LETTING
HERSELF TRANSFORM ON HER OWN
AGAIN. SHE'S FINALLY GETTING BACK
TO HER NORMAL, AND
APPARENTLY BUBBLY
SELF!



WAIT--GRACE SAID SHE'S NOT
TOTALLY BUBBLY YET! SHE ALSO SAID
THAT THE PARTY MIGHT BE ABLE TO
HELP FULLY RESTORE HER BUBBLY STATE!



THAT MEANS THAT MEANS I CAN'T
JUST ENDURE THE PARTY! IT'S NOT
ENOUGH THAT I SIMPLY GET THROUGH
IT WITHOUT FREAKING OUT OVER
GRACE BEING A GUY!



FOR THE SAKE OF GRACE'S BUBBLES.



I MUST ENSURE THAT THIS PARTY IS
THE BEST DAMN PARTY EVER!



HELLO ONCE AGAIN. AS ALWAYS, I AM DR. GERMAHN, AND THE PARTYING CRAZY LADY BEHIND ME IS MY ASSISTANT AMANDA.



WITH GRACE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY BEING AT TEDD'S HOUSE, ONE MAY NOTICE BY OBSERVING THE BACKGROUNDS THAT THE LAYOUT FOR PARTS OF TEDD'S HOUSE HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY CHANGED.

BUT I THOUGHT BACKGROUNDS WERE WITCHCRAFT!

QUIET, YOU



AHEM THE SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATIONS FOR THESE CHANGES ARE MANY. FOR EXAMPLE, A QUANTUM FLUCTUATION IN THE VICINITY OF TEDD'S HOUSE DUE TO PUTTING A METAL FORK IN THE MICROWAVE ON A FULL MOON JUST MIGHT HAVE--



SIR, AS YOUR ATTORNEY, I MUST RECOMMEND THAT YOU JUST ADMIT THAT PARTS OF THE EARLY DESIGNS WERE ARCHITECTURALLY FLAWED AND HAD TO BE CHANGED.

THEY WERE BUYING IT BEFORE YOU OPENED YOUR YAP.



OH MY GOD, LISA! I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE A LAWYER NOW!

I KNOW! AND NOW WE WORK TOGETHER!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S SO AWESOME!

I KNOW!



AAAAAAAAAAAA~!









TEDD, WHY ARE YOU I MEAN, I THOUGHT WE WERE TRANSFORMING AFTER GIVING GRACE PRESENTS?

WE ARE

SO WHY ARE YOU TRANSFORMED NOW?

I WAS COOKING

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?

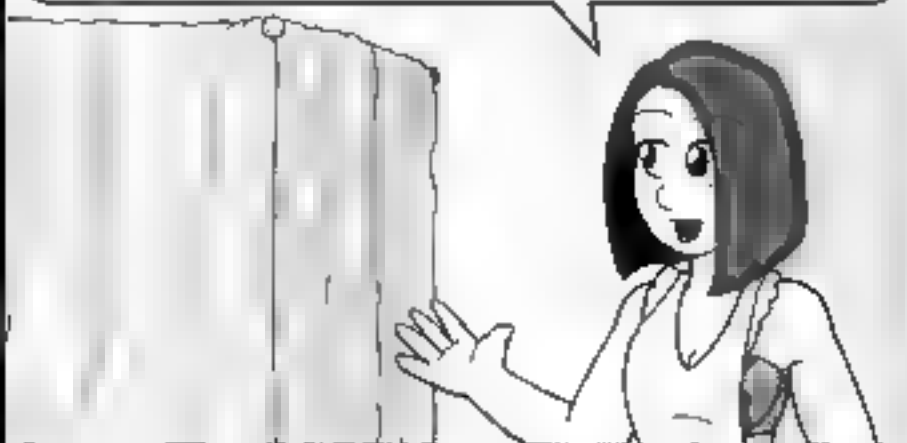
I COOK BETTER LIKE THIS

WHY WOULD BEING FEMALE MAKE YOU BETTER AT COOKING?!

BECAUSE I M HOT



BEHOLD--THE TRANSFORMATION PRIVACY BOOTH! A PERSON STANDS ON THE "X" INSIDE. A REMOTE ACTIVATES THE TRANSFORMATION GUN. THE RAY PUSHES THROUGH THE CURTAINS AND ZAP! THE PERSON INSIDE IS TRANSFORMED!



IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A BUNCH OF CURTAINS THAN A BOOTH.

WORK WITH ME HERE WILL YOU?



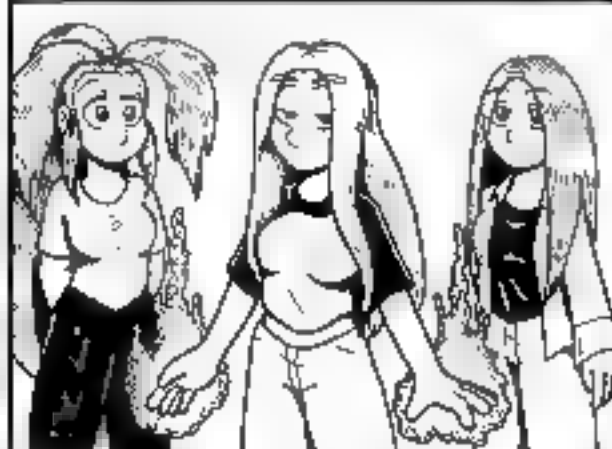
ANYWAY I THINK THIS WILL KEEP EVEN SARAH FROM WORRYING ABOUT UNDRESSING FOR THE GUN. ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S THE PERSON IN THE BOOTH WHO EFFECTIVELY PULLS THE TRIGGER



BAH! THESE CURTAINS LACK HEART! IT'S LIKE A WAITING ROOM AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE! IS THIS A PARTY OR A PHYSICAL?!



"I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD JUST STAND IN A CIRCLE AROUND ME WHILE I SPIN AROUND ZAPPING EVERYONE ENDING WITH TRANSFORMING MYSELF"



BUT THAT WOULDN'T MAKE THE GIRLS GUYS: IT WOULD JUST EXAGGERATE THEIR FEATURES AND MESS WITH THEIR INHIBITIONS



FINE FINE NEXT PARTY?

YOU'VE GOT MY SUPPORT

ELLEN IS FRUSTRATED ANXIOUS
SOMETHING HAS TRULY HAD AN IMPACT
ON HER SHE FINDS THE IDEA OF MALE
VERSIONS OF HER FEMALE FRIENDS
LESS APPEALING THAN SHE DID BEFORE



THIS MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THAT SECOND LIFE OF HERS
IN HER DREAMS SHE SAID IT HERSELF
SOMETHING HAPPENED SOMETHING
AWKWARD



WHATEVER THE CASE SHE CAN BARELY
CONTAIN HERSELF SHE WANTS TO ACT
OUT ON HER EMOTIONS SHE WANTS
TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE



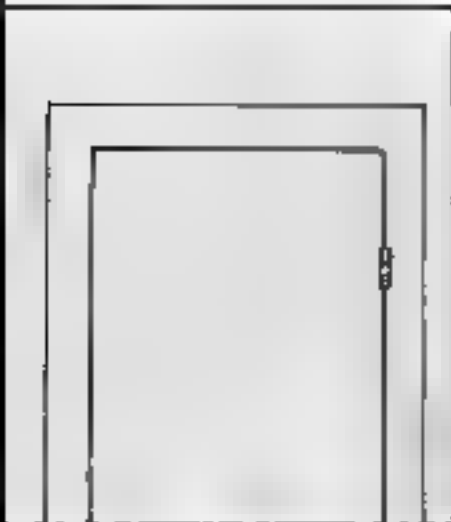
FOLLOW YOUR FEELINGS. ELLEN
TRANSFORM YOUR MOTHER



YOUR FATHER COMMANDS IT



MEANWHILE IN THE DEPTHS
OF ELLIOT'S CLOSET



TWO MINIATURIZED (AND
INVISIBLE TO THE MORTAL
EYE) IMMORTALS SLUMBER



AND AWAKEN

GAH WE OVERSLEPT! MY
ALARM CLOCK DIDN'T GO
OFF! ELLIOT'S PROBABLY
AT TEDD'S HOUSE BY NOW!



STUPID
HUMAN-MADE
TECHNOLOGY!



THAT'S NOT
HUMAN-
MADE YOU
MADE THAT
LAST NIGHT
WITH YOUR
MAGIC

STUPID
ME MADE
TECHNOLOGY!

WE
PROBABLY
JUST SLEPT
THROUGH IT



NO WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO! I DESIGNED IT TO
SIMULATE AN INTER-PLANAR
MAGICAL DISTURBANCE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE
COULD
IGNORE



IS THAT YOUR ALARM
CLOCK I'M SENSING?

I DON'T THINK SO



AMPLIFY.



YOU ALREADY WANT TO USE YOUR POWER WITH ME
AMPLIFYING YOUR EMOTIONS THERE'S NO WAY
YOU CAN POSSIBLY RESIST!



ZAP ELLIOTT! UNLEASH
THE CONDUIT I NEED
TO LIVE AGAIN!



YAWN



WHY ISN'T SHE
ACTING ON HER AMPLIFIED
EMOTIONS? WHAT PART OF
"NO WAY YOU CAN RESIST"
DIDN'T SHE UNDERSTAND?



YES! GIVE IN TO IT!



WHAT?!



TEDD?! SHE ZAPPED TEDD?!



ELLEN, WHAT THE HELL?! I
JUST FINISHED CHANGING
BACK! NOT THAT I MIND
THAT MUCH SEEING AS
THERE'S A MIRROR IN
THERE BUT STILL. !



DAMN IT ALL.



UGH MY HEAD

ELLEN!



ELLEN
ARE YOU
OK?!

YEAH. MY
HEAD JUST
HURTS
WHY IS TEDD
V-FIVE'D?



THIS IS EERILY FAMILIAR



THERE! HE MUST'VE
BEEN THE SOURCE OF
THE DISTURBANCE!

CRAP



STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



WERE THIS A PHYSICAL
PLANE THEY WOULD BE OF
LITTLE CONSEQUENCE

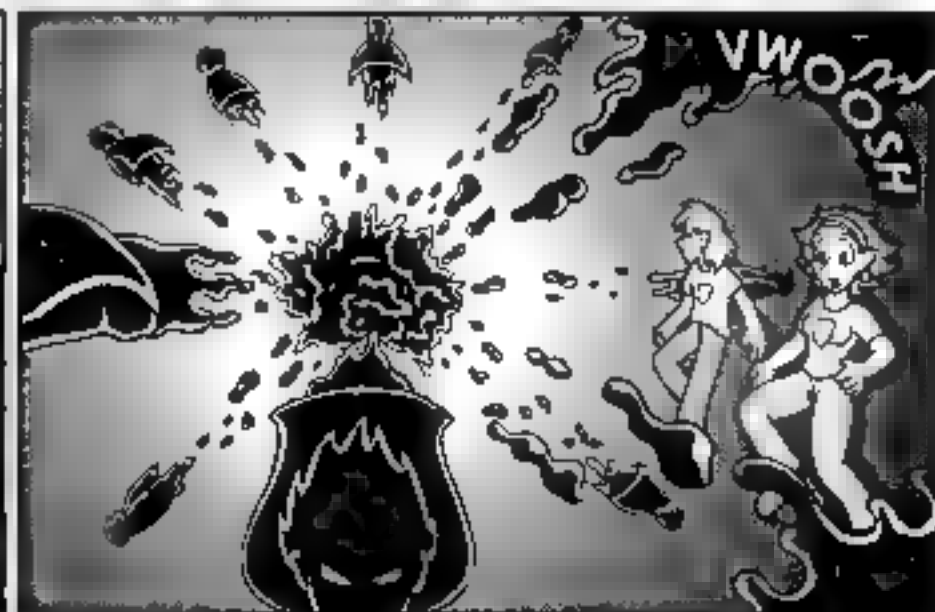


BUT WHILE ON THIS
CURSED SPIRIT PLANE I
MUST REMAIN HUMBLE

BUT I WILL BE
STRONG AGAIN.



AND RECLAIM
MY DIGNITY!



I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE
SOME TROUBLE FIGURING
OUT WHERE HE ACTUALLY
WENT JUST NOW

YA THINK?



YOU SEE, THIS IS WHY I GOT ON YOUR CASE WHEN YOU SKIPPED BREAKFAST THIS MORNING. IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE LIGHTHEADED!



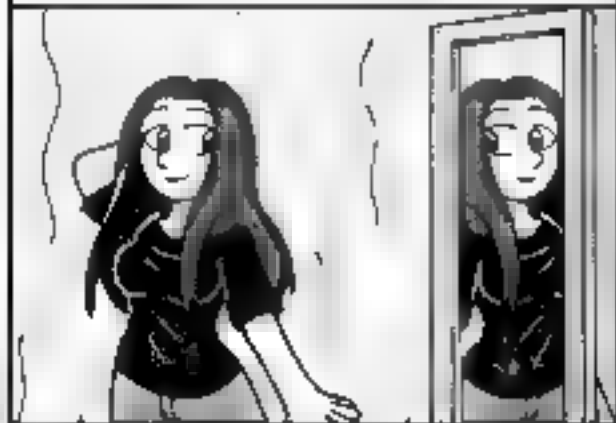
THE SHADOW BEING WHOEVER IT WAS
HAD ESCAPED IT HAD EVIDENTLY
FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER IT
HAD COME TO ACCOMPLISH HOWEVER,
AND THAT WAS AT LEAST SOMETHING



ELLEN DETERMINED TO NOT LET HER
HUNGER GET THE BEST OF HER BUT
ALSO DETERMINED TO HAVE ROOM FOR
DINNER LATER, HAD SOME MICRO-
WAVABLE CHICKEN STRIPS. SHE SHARED
SOME WITH JEREMY THUS REIN-
FORCING BAD-KITTY BEHAVIOR



TEDD V-FIRED BY ELLEN, WENT BACK
INTO THE BOOTH TO TRANSFORM
BACK TO NORMAL THIS INEXPLICABLY
TOOK SEVERAL MINUTES LONGER THAN
IT SHOULD HAVE



TIRED OF WAITING FOR TEDD ELLIOT
WENT UPSTAIRS AND PLAYED SOME
"SUPER SMASH GOONS MELEF" WITH
GRACE HE GOT SCHOOLED BY GRACE,
WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEATEN THE
GIGA TURTLE FIVE TIMES WHILE
THE OTHERS WERE IN THE BASEMENT



THE IMMORTALS, EVER VIGILANT
REMAIN UNDETECTABLE TO THOSE ON
THE PHYSICAL PLANE SO THAT THEY
MAY KEEP GUARD AGAINST FURTHER
INTRUSIONS THUS ALLOWING EVERY
ONE TO FOCUS ON WHAT IS TRULY
IMPORTANT: GRACE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



THAT WAS
SOME NICE
NARRATION

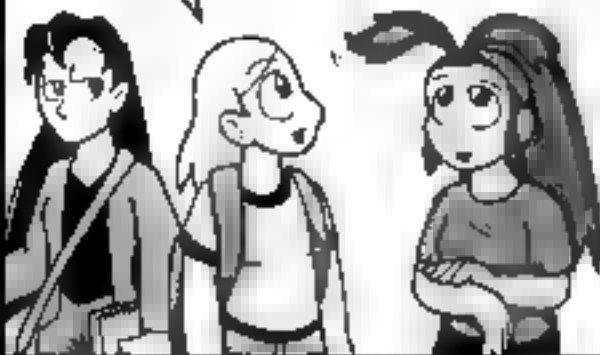
THANKS!
IT'S A HOBBY
OF MINE



SARAH AND SUSAN ARRIVE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON

SO YOU JUST HIDE YOUR ANTENNAE WHEN GOING OUT NOW?

BASICALLY YEAH



WHERE'S ELLIOT? HE'S HERE ALREADY, RIGHT?

OH HE'S DOWNSTAIRS WITH TEDD HE SAID THEY HAD TO DISCUSS SOMETHING IMPORTANT



SO IT'S AGREED, THERE WILL BE NO MAKING FUN OF EACH OTHER SHOULD EITHER OF US DO ANYTHING STUPID OR WEIRD WHILE TRANSFORMED TONIGHT

COOL

AGREED



OH MAN THIS IS SO EXCITING! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ALL WEEK!

YOU HAVE?



YEAH! I MEAN, THE WHOLE THING IS A LITTLE SCARY BUT IT'S BOUND TO BE AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE BESIDES, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL WEEK, AND I'VE MISSED YOU HOW HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?



GRACE?



OH, SARAH!

GAH!



I WAS SO WORRIED THAT YOU HATED ME! LAST WEEK YOU YELLED AT ME AND BLAMED ME FOR EVERYTHING, AND THEN I DIDN'T SEE YOU ALL WEEK I



GRACE I WAS UPSET BECAUSE HEDGE TOOK ELLIOT! I WAS MAD ABOUT THE SITUATION, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HATE YOU! I'M SO SORRY IF I MADE YOU THINK THAT!



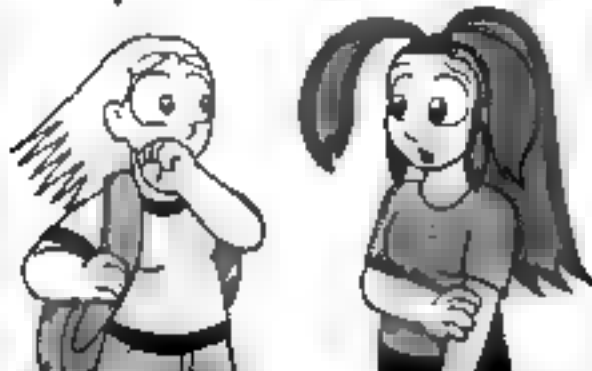
SO WE'RE STILL FRIENDS?

OF COURSE WE ARE!



BLEH GRACE WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

TEDD SAID YOU'D BE AS EAGER TO KISS AND MAKE UP AS I WAS.



HE DIDN'T MEAN THAT LITERALLY!

YEAH I DID.





IDIOT IDIOT
IDIOT I AM SUCH
AN IDIOT



HEY SUSAN!

OH! YOU GUYS
ARE HERE



YEAH, I THOUGHT I WAS
GOING TO BE STUCK AT
THE COMIC SHOP UNTIL
CLOSING BUT MY BOSS
SHOWED UP AND LET ME
LEAVE EARLY

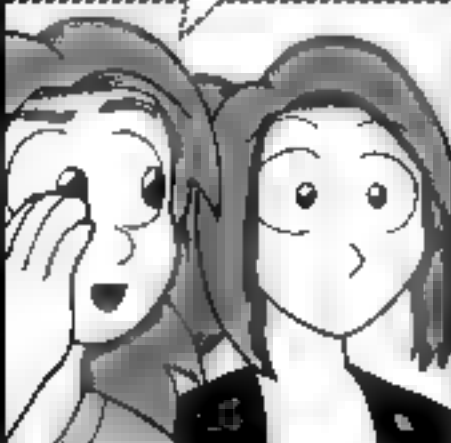


SO UM SUSAN I NEED
TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOME-
THING. SHALL WE GO TO
THE LIVING ROOM, PERHAPS?

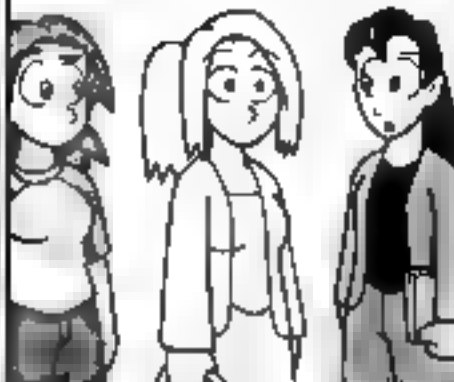
HUH? OH, YEAH, OK.



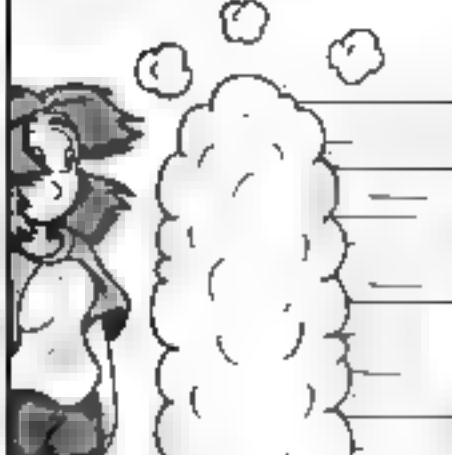
GONNA SHOW HER WHAT
YOU PICKED OUT FOR ME TO
WEAR EH? I LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING IT MYSELF!



NANASE?



ZOOM



WHAT THE HECK DID
YOU WHISPER TO HER?

UM A DIRTY
LIMERICK?



ELLEN KNOWS I PICKED OUT WHAT SHE'S WEARING TONIGHT? I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE'D BE THE ONLY ONES WHO WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT!



I MEANT YOU, ME, AND ELLEN! WHY DOES IT MATTER IF SHE KNOWS?

BECAUSE I NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD THE GUTS TO PICK OUT WHAT I PICKED OUT IF I KNEW SHE WOULD KNOW I WAS THE ONE WHO PICKED IT OUT!



WHAT DID YOU BRING?

WHIMPER



IS THAT CLOTHING UNDERNEATH--

SO IT'S JUST THAT LITTLE BLACK--

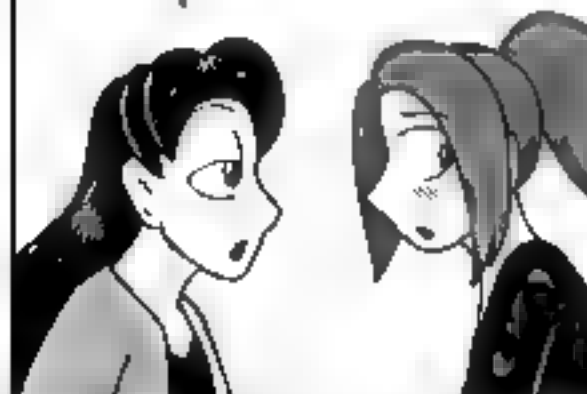
THAT'S JUSTIN'S STUFF

YEAH HUH AND SOME SHOES



AND YOU WERE GOING TO PIN THIS ON ME?

YES'M

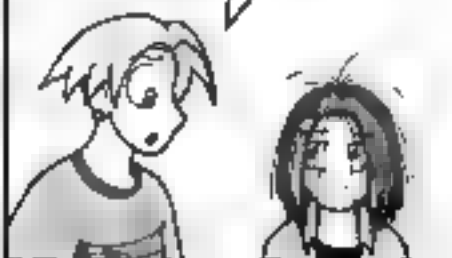


SO UM LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING TRANSFORMED LATER?

NO! I MEAN, YES! I MEAN, UM.



SIGH OK, I WAS HOPING NOT TO HAVE TO GET INTO THIS. BUT DO I MAKE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE OR SOMETHING? EVEN LAST SATURDAY WHEN YOU WERE ALL WORRIED ABOUT OTHER THINGS, YOU SEEMED EXTRA NERVOUS AROUND ME



I'M SORRY IT'S JUST LOOK I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST GAY PEOPLE AND I KNOW IT'S STUPID AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY IT BOTHERS ME, BUT



I DUNNO I THINK IT'S BECAUSE I'M WORRIED YOU MIGHT WELL BE REALLY ATTRACTED TO ME Y'KNOW BECAUSE OF HOW ANDROGYNOUS I AM? I KNOW IT'S STUPID BUT



THAT REALLY IS STUPID.

YEAH. I KNOW IT IS BUT--



NO YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW STUPID THAT IS. I'M ATTRACTED TO MASCULINITY WHY WOULD YOU LOOKING LIKE A GIRL MAKE YOU MORE ATTRACTIVE TO ME?



SO YOU'RE SAYING I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GUYS HAVING THE HOTS FOR ME?!

I WOULDN'T THINK GAY GUYS. NO



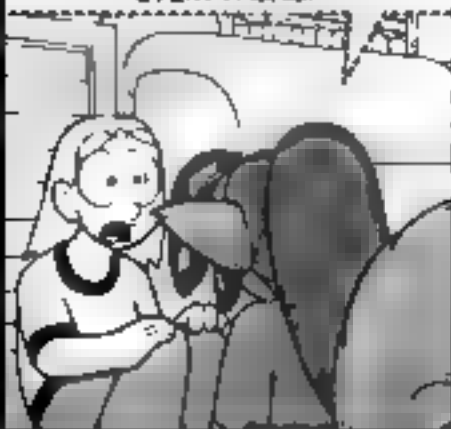
THAT'S AWESOME! I-- WAIT WHY DID YOU SPECIFY "GAY" GUYS?

NO REASON





SARAH? WHY DIDN'T WE JUMP OUT? I GOT ALL SQUIRRELLY SO WE COULD HIDE BETTER AND EVERYTHING!



WHEN I HEARD NANASE AND SUSAN COMING I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUNNY TO JUMP OUT AND SURPRISE THEM BUT I WAS WAITING FOR THEM TO GO TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM AND THEY NEVER WENT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM AND IT JUST GOT MORE AND MORE AWKWARD TO THE POINT THAT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT HIDE HERE AND NOW THEY'RE GONE AND WE'VE HEARD ALL THIS STUFF WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO HEAR!



OK I THINK I FOLLOWED MOST OF THAT



I GUESS I SHOULDN'T FEEL AS INTIMIDATED BY NANASE NOW

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. I DON'T REALLY MIND IF NANASE PICKED OUT CLOTHES FOR TWO PEOPLE



THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE!

GRACE WE JUST FOUND OUT THAT NANASE IS GAY AND ATTRACTED TO ELLEN THAT'S PRIVATE AND MIND-BLOWING STUFF THAT WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW!

WE'RE NOT? BUT IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT THEY LIKE EACH OTHER!



IT WHAT?

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH. THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT IT. THEY JUST GET ALL VAGUELY FLIRTY AND FLUSTERED



I KNOW! NOW THAT IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT NANASE LIKES ELLEN WE SHOULD PLAY CUPID AND HELP GET THEIR RELATIONSHIP GOING!

NO NO WE SHOULDN'T MEDDLE! WE MIGHT MAKE THINGS WORSE!



DARN. I GUESS IT'S JUST AS WELL. TEDD'S DAD SAID I'M NOT ALLOWED TO RUN AROUND NAKED ANYWAY

I CAN NEVER TELL WHEN YOU'RE JOKING



WE CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW THAT WE OVERHEARD SUSAN AND NANASE TALKING. SO WE NEED SOME SORT OF COVER STORY FOR WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

HMM

I HAVE AN IDEA! GIVE ME YOUR HEAD FOR A MINUTE!

EEP?

BEFORE LONG

"THE NEXT GENERATION" HAD SOME GOOD EPISODES BUT TOO MUCH OF IT WAS JUST BORING TECHNO-BABBLE "DEEP SPACE NINE" WAS A LOT BETTER

WELL, MAYBE ONCE "WORF" SHOWED UP

WELL YEAH-- WHOA!

HI GUYS! I'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH SARAH'S HAIR FOR THE PAST FEW MINUTES! YOU KNOW AS OPPOSED TO... OTHER THINGS WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DOING!

YOU LIKE PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S HAIR?

OF COURSE I DO! WHO DOESN'T?

THIS SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE A COVER-UP YOU WERE KISSING GRACE AGAIN WEREN'T YOU?

NO! AND SHE WAS THE ONE WHO KISSED ME!





OH, YOU CAN SIT HERE
NANASE! I SHOULD PROBABLY
BE NEXT TO ELLIOT AS
OPPOSED TO ACROSS FROM
HIM ANYWAY RIGHT?



OH, JH.
OK THANK
YOU



EVERYBODY READY?
UH, LET'S JUST GO
AROUND THE TABLE
THEN, STARTING WITH
ELLEN'S PRESENT?

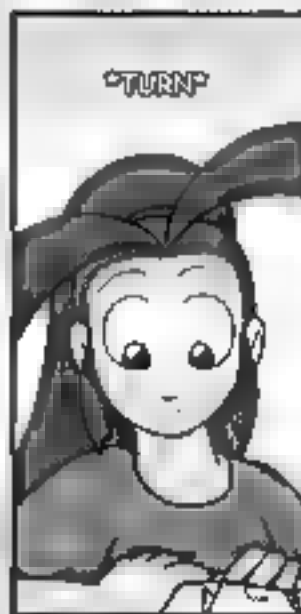


HERE YOU GO GRACE! I
HOPE YOU LIKE IT

THANKS!



"FLIP"
"PEEL"
"PEEL"



"TURN"



"PEEL"
"PEEL"



UM GRACE? IT'S OK
TO JUST TEAR OFF THE
WRAPPING PAPER



WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE PRESENT
FROM YOU AND JUSTIN IN HIS CAR?

WE COULDN'T WRAP IT SO
THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY
TO NOT SPOIL THE SURPRISE



TA-DA!



OOH IT'S A PLANT!
WHAT KIND OF
PLANT IS IT?

WELL...
IT'S--



ZWOOM!



*SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF*



MEOW!



GAH!

I THINK I'VE
FIGURED OUT
WHAT KIND OF
PLANT IT IS

*THANK YOU
POUNCE*



WE WERE BOTH HAVING TROUBLE COMING UP WITH SOMETHING TO GET YOU BUT THEN SUSAN REMEMBERED THAT YOU HAVE A CAT-LIKE FORM, AND SHE FIGURED YOU MIGHT ENJOY A CATNIP PLANT



SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GET A CATNIP PLANT BUT I DID SO WE WENT IN ON THE GIFT TOGETHER

WELL, I LOVE IT! THANK YOU!



IF YOU REALLY WANT TO THANK ME YOU CAN REMOVE YOUR CAT FROM MY HEAD

BUT HE LOOKS SO COMFORTABLE!



ONE CAT REMOVAL AND CATNIP PLANT RELOCATION LATER

SO THIS IS FROM BOTH YOU AND ELIJAH SARAH?

YEAH WE SHOPPED FOR YOU TOGETHER



"ANIMAL CROSSING"?

IT JUST MIGHT BE THE PERFECT GAME FOR YOU



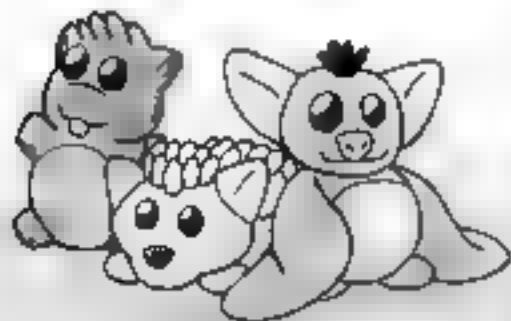
DOES IT INVOLVE GENETICALLY ENGINEERING HYBRID SUPER ANIMALS?

THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED AT FIRST TOO BUT NO





WHERE'S GRACE? SHE'S SUPPOSED TO MEET US HERE!



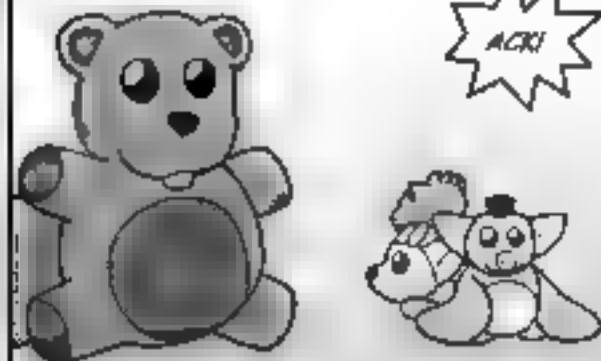
HERE I AM!



GRACE!
YOU'RE HUGE!

THE BETTER
TO HUG YOU!

HOORAY!



ACK!

AWWW...

GAH!
I HATE
HUGGING!
COOTIES!
COOTIES!



DON'T WORRY!
WE'VE ALL HAD
COOTIE SHOTS!

HOORAY!

GRUMBLE



UM GRACE? CAN WE GET
TO THE TRANSFORMATION
PART NOW?

OH! YEAH, SURE



HEY, TEDD? AFTER WE'RE TRANSFORMED, WILL WE Y'KNOW "LIKE" THE SAME PEOPLE AS BEFORE?

YOU SHOULD

WHEN THE GUN CHANGES SOMEONE'S SEX, HETEROSEXUAL ATTRACTION IS ADDED TO THEIR ORIGINAL ORIENTATION. SINCE YOU ALREADY LIKE GUYS, NOT MUCH SHOULD CHANGE FOR YOU, JUSTIN.

HETERO → BI
GAY → HETERO
BI → BI

WHY'D YOU DESIGN IT THAT WAY?

I DIDN'T. THE BASIC VARIANTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE FORMS CAME WITH THE GUN. ALL I DID WAS TINKER WITH THEM AND MAKE CUSTOM VARIANTS.

WAIT. AREN'T JRYUOMS SEXLESS? WHY WOULD THEY BOTHER MAKING MALE AND FEMALE FORMS?

JRYUOMS INTERACT WITH MANY NON-JRYUOM SPECIES, AND THERE ARE HYBRIDS WITH OTHER SENTIENT BEINGS THAT DO HAVE SEXES. I THINK THE ORIGINAL MALE/FEMALE FORMS WERE DESIGNED WITH BREEDING IN MIND FOR POPULATIONS LOW ON EITHER SEX.

BUT I THOUGHT THE LONGEST A FORM COULD LAST WAS A MONTH. WOULDN'T THAT BE A PROBLEM?

YOU'D THINK SO, BUT IF SOMEONE BECOMES PREGNANT WHILE TRANSFORMED, IT RESULTS IN A CHAIN-REACTION THAT MAKES THE TRANSFORMATION PERMANENT, AND THE GUN WON'T WORK ON THAT PERSON AGAIN UNTIL AFTER CHILD-BIRTH. THE GUN IS LOADED WITH SAFETIES THAT PREVENT TRANSFORMING ANYONE WHO IS PREGNANT OR TOO WEAK FOR TRANSFORMATION.

WELL, IF YOU EVER DECIDE YOU WANT TO STAY A WOMAN FOREVER, TEDD, I'M SURE ELLIOT WILL HELP YOU OUT.

OK, THE WAY WE'VE GOT IT ALL SET UP, EVERYONE WILL HAVE TOTAL PRIVACY WHILE BEING TRANSFORMED AND WILL EVEN EFFECTIVELY "PULL THE TRIGGER" THEMSELVES NONETHELESS EITHER GRACE OR MYSELF, WILL NEED TO BE DOWN THERE TO SET UP THE GUN



THE FORMS YOU'LL WIND UP WITH WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE CLOTHING YOU'LL BE WEARING, AS WE'LL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS SO THE CLOTHES WILL FIT RIGHT THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES PER PERSON BUT THAT'S WHY ONE OF US NEEDS TO BE DOWN THERE



JM. GRACE, NO OFFENSE BUT ISN'T TEDD OUR RESIDENT MAD SCIENTIST? DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?



OH, DON'T WORRY! I'M PLENTY CRAZY!

UH, MORE TO THE POINT, GRACE IS INCREDIBLY GOOD AT LEARNING STUFF LIKE THIS AND EVEN IF SHE WASN'T THE INTERFACE I'VE MADE FOR BASIC FORM MODIFICATION IS PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD

THE FORMS WILL BE SET TO LAST FOR 24 HOURS, BUT THE PLAN IS TO CHANGE BACK USING THE GUN WELL BEFORE THEN WE'RE DOING IT THAT WAY TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF DAMAGING CLOTHING WHILE CHANGING BACK



OK, THAT ABOUT COVERS IT, SO LET'S GET THIS TRAIN WRECK UNDERWAY WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?



I'LL GO FIRST

THE BASEMENT

IS LONGER HAIR OK?

UM YEAH.
SURE

OK, THERE
YA GO

AND NANASE IS LOANING
YOU SOME OF HER CLOTHES
TO WEAR?

YEAH

HM. BETTER KNOCK THE CUP
SIZE UP A COUPLE NOTCHES.

THE KITCHEN

HEY TEDD? THERE'S
ONE THING I DON'T
GET WHY DOES FEMALE
VARIANT #3 MAKE PEOPLE
WHO ARE ALREADY
FEMALE BISEXUAL?

IT DOESN'T

WHAT?!

V-FIVE JUST RESULTS IN
SPECIAL PHEROMONES AND
A TEMPORARILY INCREASED
SEX DRIVE SO AS TO
ENCOURAGE QUICKER AD-
APTATION TO BISEXUALITY
WHEN USED ON GUYS

I GUESS THE AMPLIFIED
FEELINGS OF LUST COULD
CONFUSE A WOMAN ENOUGH
TO MAKE HER THINK OR
BEHAVE AS THOUGH SHE
WAS BI BUT WHY DO
YOU CARE?

OH MY GOD
THAT'S WHY YOUR
HAIR WAS BLONDE
LAST WEEKEND!



THIS IS SO AWKWARD
EVEN WALKING IS WEIRD



* IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE WAS

YOU'RE ALL DONE? GREAT! LET'S
GO GET THE NEXT PERSON!



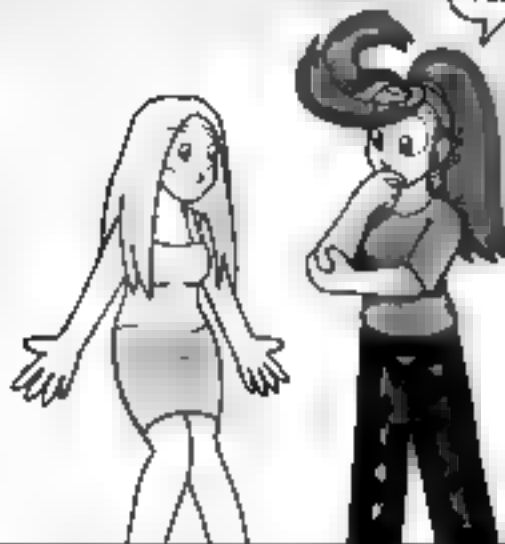
WAIT A SECOND GRACE AM I
Y KNOW ATTRACTIVE LIKE THIS?

ARE YOU ASKING IF I
FIND YOU ATTRACTIVE?



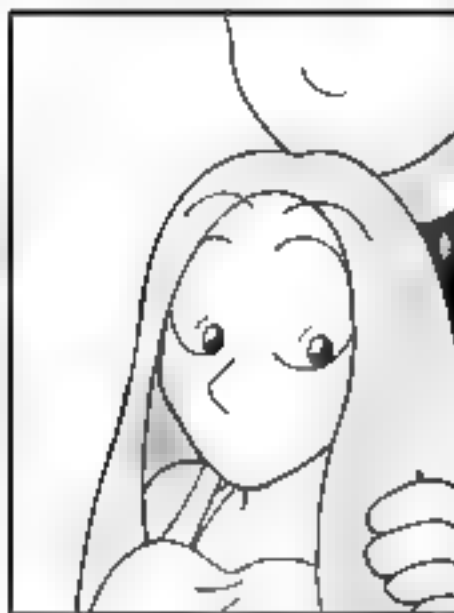
N-NO, I I WAS JUST WONDERING
IF YOU THINK BOYS LIKE UM ELLIOT,
WOULD FIND ME ATTRACTIVE?

HM



WELL, I'M NO EXPERT BUT
YOU'VE GOT LARGE BREASTS! I'VE
HEARD THAT'S A PLUS!







YOU OK?

Y YES
THANK YOU



WOW! YOU
LOOK CUTE!



SO TEDD. WHICH OF
US SHOULD GO NEXT?



I FIGURE WE CAN BOTH GO. I
CAN USE THE SECOND GUN
WHILE YOU'RE IN THE BOOTH



W-WAIT! WHY NOT HAVE ONE OF
THE GIRLS GO FIRST? I MEAN, UH. WE'VE
ALREADY SEEN WHAT YOU TWO LOOK
LIKE AS GIRLS

YEAH BUT THIS
WAY, WE'LL ALL BE GIRLS AT THE
SAME TIME WHICH MEANS WE CAN
TAKE AN ALL-GIRL GROUP PHOTO

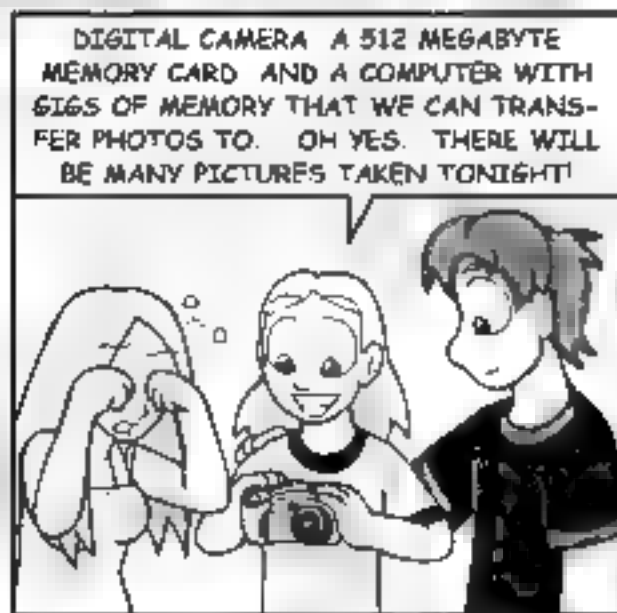


GROUP PHOTO?



FLASH

EEK!



DIGITAL CAMERA. A 512 MEGABYTE
MEMORY CARD. AND A COMPUTER WITH
GIGS OF MEMORY THAT WE CAN TRANS-
FER PHOTOS TO. OH YES. THERE WILL
BE MANY PICTURES TAKEN TONIGHT!

YOU GOT YOUR OUTFIT FOR TONIGHT FROM SARAH RIGHT? I GUESS THAT MEANS I LL HAVE TO KEEP YOUR BREAST SIZE SMALL.



ACTUALLY TEDD THE OUTFIT IS SARAH'S. BUT I'M BORROWING THE UNDERWEAR FROM ELLEN.



I'M JUST DIGGING A DEEPER AND DEEPER HOLE FOR MYSELF AREN'T I?



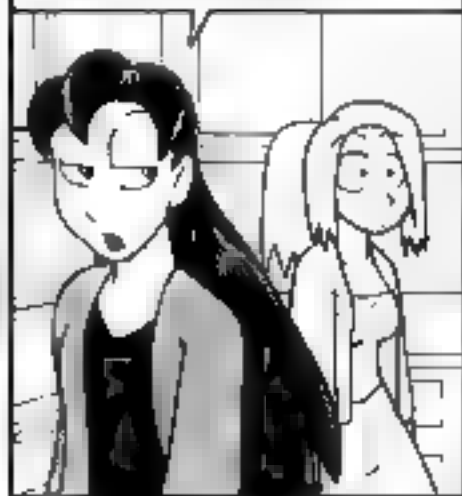
HEY SUSANI MY OUTFIT FOR TONIGHT IS IN YOUR BAG NOW RIGHT?



YEAH I FIGURED I SHOULD DO THAT BEFORE THE GROUP PHOTO. SEEING AS CHANGING MY CLOTHES IS BASICALLY THE LIMIT OF MY "TRANSFORMING" TONIGHT I'LL BE UPSTAIRS!

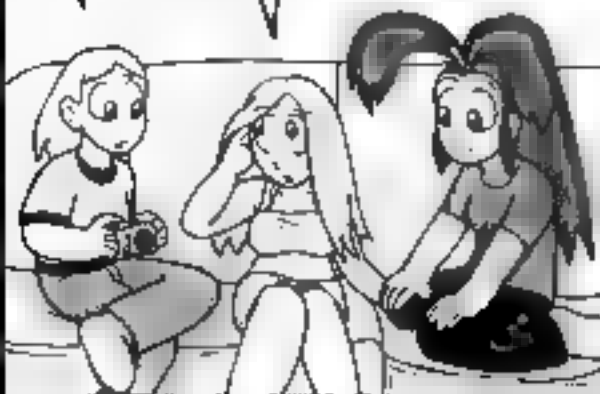


OH KNOCK IT OFF WE'RE MISSING JUSTIN ADAPTING TO WOMANHOOD



I'M SORRY IF THE FLASH FROM MY CAMERA HURT YOUR EYES JUSTIN

IT'S OK YOU JUST CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD



I'M ALSO SORRY THAT I DIDN'T THINK TO GET A "BEFORE" PICTURE! I'LL HAVE TO BE SURE TO GET A PICTURE OR TWO OF YOU LATER AFTER YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL

SURE WHATEVER



ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?



SORRY IT'S JUST THAT I'M A LITTLE WEIRDED OUT AND MY HAIR KEEPS GETTING IN MY EYES

YOU SHOULD PLAY WITH IT THEN! YOUR HAIR HAS NEVER BEEN LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO REALLY PLAY WITH IT BEFORE HAS IT?



I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. I'M USED TO PLAYING WITH NANASE'S HAIR NOT MY OWN

DON'T WORRY I'LL HELP YOU GRACE, CAN YOU GET US A MIRROR?

SURE! I'LL BE BACK IN A SEC



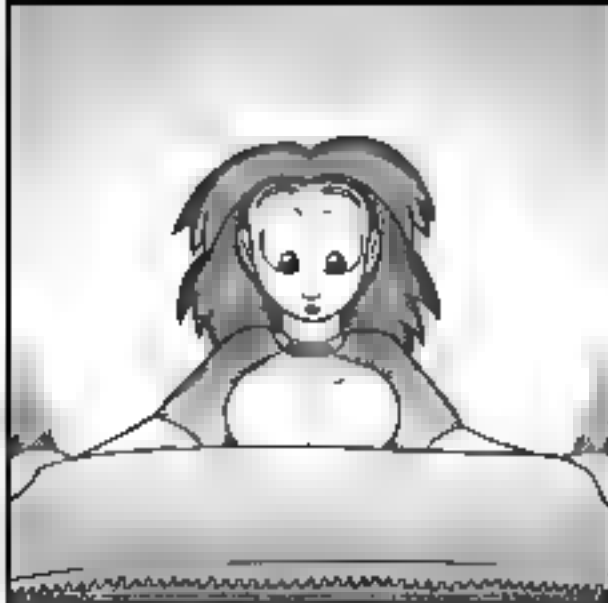
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO

AW RELAX! IT'LL BE FUN! I'LL HELP GET YOUR HAIR LOOKING NICE AND OUT OF YOUR FACE AND WE CAN WORK ON YOUR BEAUTY SHOP GIRL TALK!



HOW DARE YOU BE SOMEONE I CAN'T DISLIKE

TIME TO SEE WHAT ALL THIS FUSS IS ABOUT! EVEN IF NANASE PICKED OUT MY OUTFIT FOR TONIGHT, THAT ALONE IS NO REASON FOR HER TO--



HOLY YOWZA



ELLIOT MAKING GOOD ON HIS PROMISE TO JUSTIN WAS TRANSFORMED WITH EXTRA LONG HAIR



ARE YOU DONE GETTING DRESSED OUT THERE TEDD?

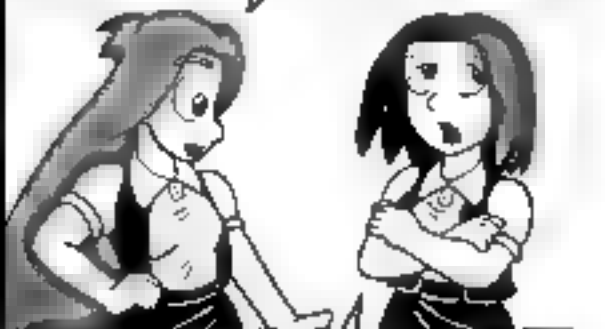
YEAH. YOU CAN COME OUT!



WELL ONE OF US IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE!



VERY FUNNY TEDD WHERE DID YOU GET THAT UNIFORM FROM?



SUSAN I ALREADY HAVE CLOTHES THAT I CAN USE FOR THE MALE UNIFORM. AND SHE DOESN'T WANT TO WEAR SKIRTS. SO WE SWAPPED

WAIT SO IF I'M FOLLOWING THIS CORRECTLY SUSAN'S ESSENTIALLY GOING TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL IN DRAG?

OK JUST WANTED TO BE SURE

BASICALLY YEAH.



NOW BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND! ONE OF US IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE!



YOU WERE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST DOING SOME SORT OF SITCOM-ISH ROUTINE

WE CAN'T BOTH BE DRESSED IN SCHOOL-GIRL UNIFORMS! NEITHER ONE OF US WILL STAND OUT AND WE WON'T BE AS SEXY!



WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BE SEXY? ALL THE GIRLS. YOUR GIRLFRIEND INCLUDED ARE GOING TO BE GUYS TONIGHT! I THOUGHT YOU HATED THE IDEA OF BEING WITH A GUY!

THAT ISN'T THE POINT! THE POINT IS HOW OTHERS TREAT YOU DIFFERENTLY AS A RESULT OF THEIR STRONG DESIRE TO BE WITH AND PLEASE YOU! TOUCHING HAS NO PART IN THE EQUATION!



SO IN OTHER WORDS. YOU'RE A BIG TEASE

YES!!!



I THINK I GET IT YOU'RE USED TO PEOPLE MAKING FUN OF YOU FOR HAVING A FEMININE FACE BUT WHEN YOU'RE A GIRL, YOU CAN GET PEOPLE TO LIKE YOU FOR IT RIGHT?

BAH

LOOK TEDD SARAH PICKED THIS OUT FOR ME SO I'M NOT CHANGING. BUT REALLY WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? WE DON'T DIMINISH EACH OTHER LIKE THIS. WE ACCENTUATE EACH OTHER!

REALLY?

OF COURSE! ASK YOURSELF WHICH IS BETTER ONE GIRL IN UNIFORM, OR TWO?

TWO! TWO IS BETTER!

SO BE IT! INSTEAD OF THERE BEING A LONE SCHOOLGIRL, THERE SHALL BE A PAIR!

EEP?

WELL I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD, THOUGH I MUST ADMIT I'M A BIT BIASED

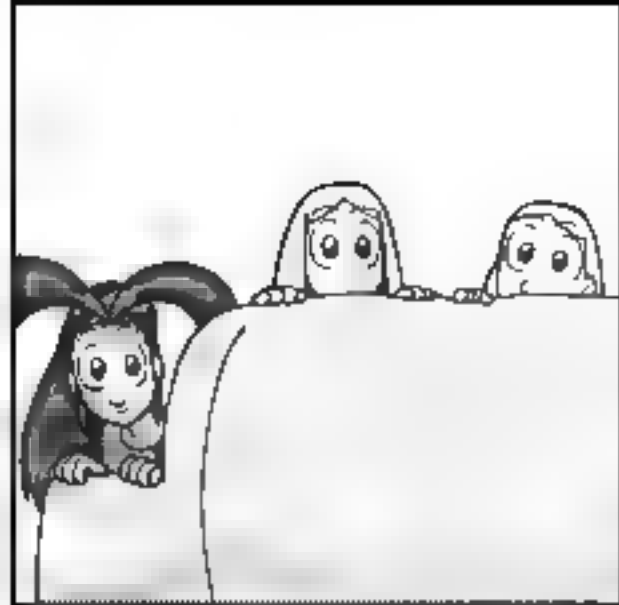
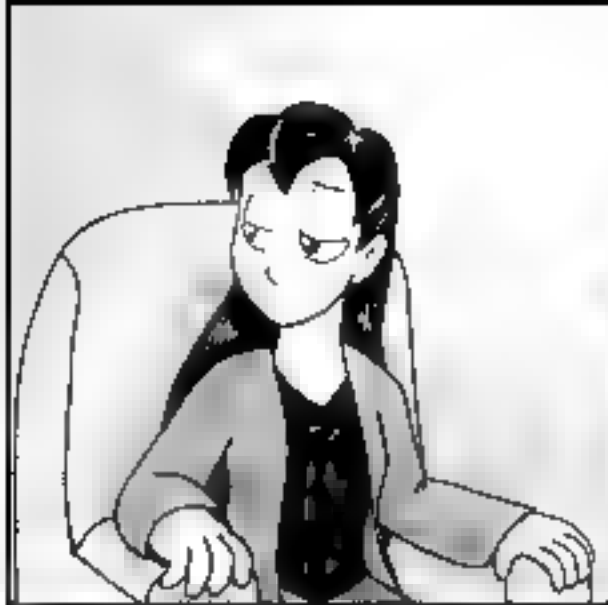
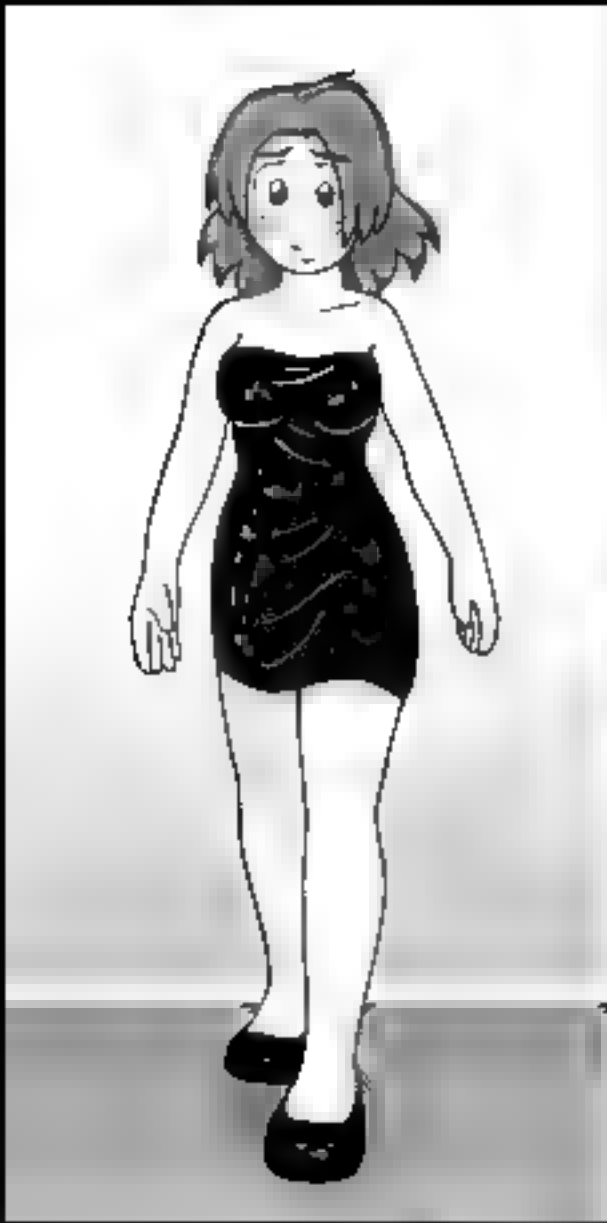
IT DOES LOOK GOOD BUT AS I'VE TOLD YOU CUTTING YOUR HAIR WHILE TRANSFORMED WOULDN'T AFFECT YOUR HAIR AFTER YOU CHANGE BACK I'VE TESTED IT WITH TEDD!

BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? HAIRSTYLE AND LENGTH ISN'T PART OF ANY ONE'S GENETIC MAKEUP

WELL, UM.

NO NO IT'S GOOD. THANK YOU MY HAIR'S OUT OF MY EYES AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TO CUT ANYTHING

HEY ELLEN'S BACK! LET'S ALL FOCUS ON HER!



I THOUGHT ELLEN WOULD
LIKE THE DRESS! I NEVER
THOUGHT WEARING IT
WOULD EMBARRASS HER!



I MUST'VE TAKEN HER
JOKES LAST WEEKEND TOO
SERIOUSLY SHE'S MORE
MODEST THAN I THOUGHT! I
HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!



WAIT!



I I FORGOT TO
GIVE YOU THIS PART
OF THE OUTFIT! S-SORRY
ABOUT THAT! HEHE



WAIT WAIT WAIT
YOU FORGOT? I THOUGHT
SUSAN WAS PICKING OUT
ELLEN'S OUTFIT!



S-SHE WAS, BUT SHE DIDN'T
HAVE ANYTHING THAT FIT
ELLEN SO I HELPED OUT!

HEHE



SLACKER

NERD-
GIRL



HEY GUYS!

OK, ELLIOT'S BACK. DON'T
FOCUS ON HIM BEING A
GIRL. FOCUS ON THE HAIR.
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LONG
HAIR YOU'LL GET TO STYLE
IN ANY WAY YOU WANT.

FOCUS ON: GAH!

WOW, ELLEN! THAT'S AN
OUTFIT SUSAN PICKED OUT?!

ACTUALLY
NANASE DID

NANASE?
BUT I
THOUGHT
SUSAN.

H-HEY!
WHY ARE
YOU TWO
DRESSED
ALIKE?!

OH, WELL. OUR SCHOOL
GOT A NEW DRESS CODE,
AND--

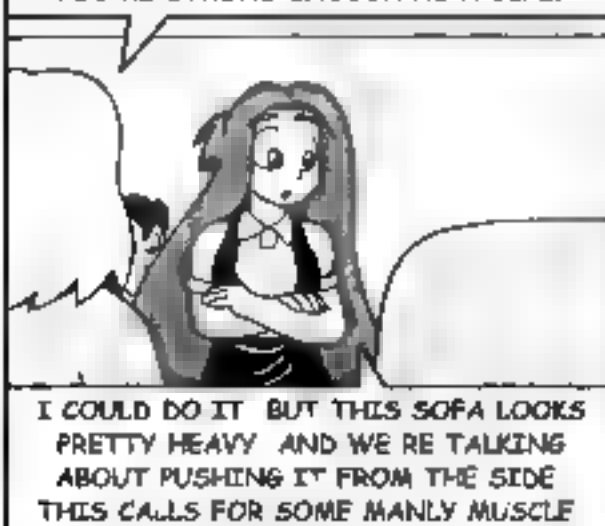
IS SOMETHING--

**I LIKE YOUR HAIR
THE WAY IT IS!!!**

OK ELLIOT PUSH THAT SOFA TO THE SIDE. AND I LL BE ABLE TO SET UP THE CAMERA FOR OUR PHOTO!



WELL, YEAH. WHY YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH AS A GIRL?



HEY NANASE! CAN YOU PUSH THIS SOFA FOR US?



NOW UM I WAS THINKING THAT WE COULD POSE NEXT TO WHOEVER WE PICKED CLOTHES FOR THAT SOUND GOOD TO EVERYONE?



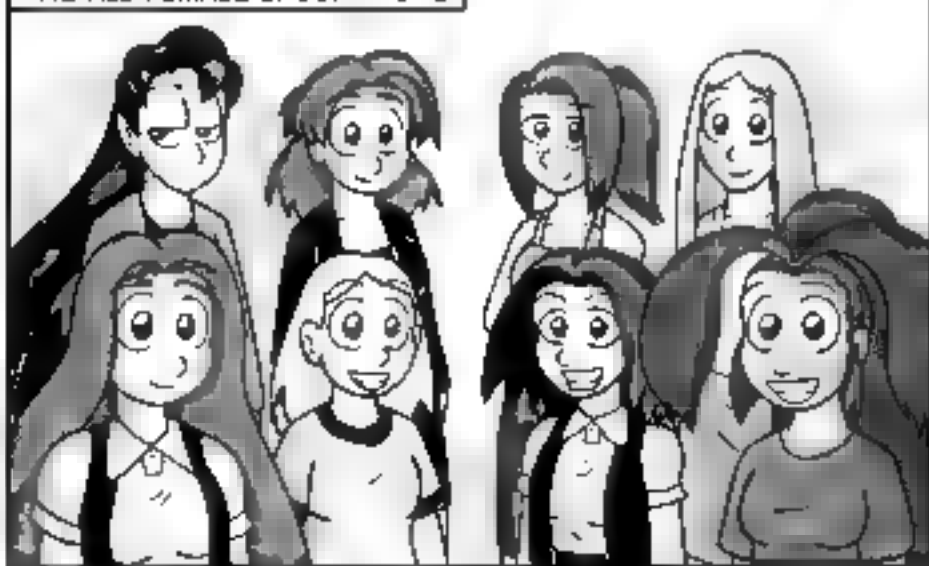
OH AND SINCE NANASE PICKED OUT CLOTHES FOR BOTH JUSTIN AND ELLEN, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE NANASE AND ELLEN ARE TOGETHER IN THE MIDDLE WITH JUSTIN NEXT TO NANASE AND SUSAN NEXT TO ELLEN



I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE



THE ALL FEMALE GROUP PHOTO

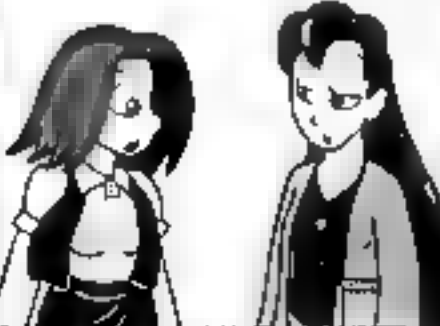


ALRIGHT NOW THAT WE'RE DONE WITH THE ALL-WOMAN GROUP PHOTO I WANT TO TRANSFORM NEXT I'D RATHER NOT PUT IT OFF AND MY JOURNAL FOR THE NIGHT IS EMBARRASSINGLY BARE AT THE MOMENT



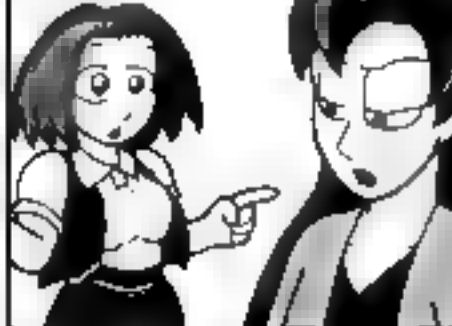
YOUR JOURNAL?

I WANT TO TAKE NOTES ABOUT HOW DIFFERENT I AM WHILE MALE



WOW NOTES PARTY DOWN.

HEY I WANT TO LEARN FROM THIS I'M NOT IN THIS FOR KINKS.

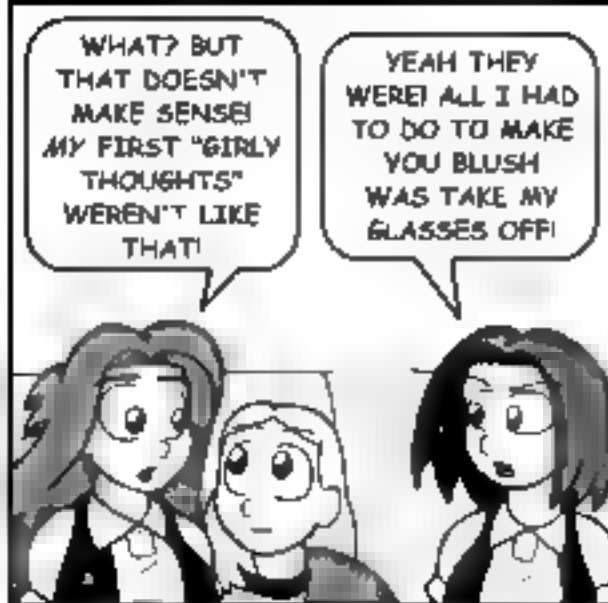


OK FINE BUT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND WHILE WRITING IN THAT LITTLE BOOK OF YOURS IS THAT YOU'RE NOT USED TO CHANGING YOUR GENDER



SO ANY "GUY" THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ARE LIKELY TO BE EXAGGERATED, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIRST COUPLE HOURS. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND BEFORE YOU JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HOW GUYS THINK OK?





AS I WRITE THIS, I AM MERE MOMENTS AWAY FROM STEPPING INTO THE BOOTH AND TRANSFORMING MYSELF INTO A MALE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT I WILL GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF MEN AS A RESULT.



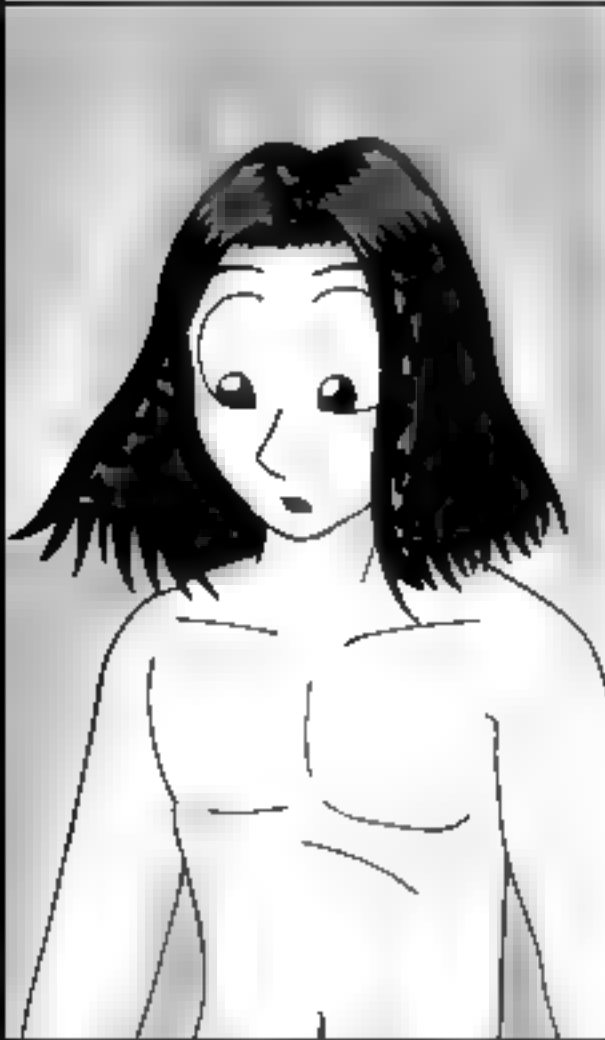
BOTH MY MEMORIES OF MY FATHER AND THE WORDS OF MY MOTHER TELL ME THAT MEN ARE PIGS. BUT MY MALE FRIENDS ARE GOOD PEOPLE. EVEN TEDD WITH HIS OPENLY DIRTY MIND IS A NICE PERSON WITH GOOD QUALITIES.



OF COURSE THAT BEING SAID IS JUST ONE OF MANY REASONS WHY TEDD MUST NEVER BE ALLOWED TO READ THIS.



I FEEL DIFFERENT MORE DIFFERENT
THAN I EXPECTED EVERYTHING LOOKS
SMALLER I FEEL STRONGER I ALMOST
FEEL LIKE RUNNING JUST FOR THE
SAKE OF RUNNING



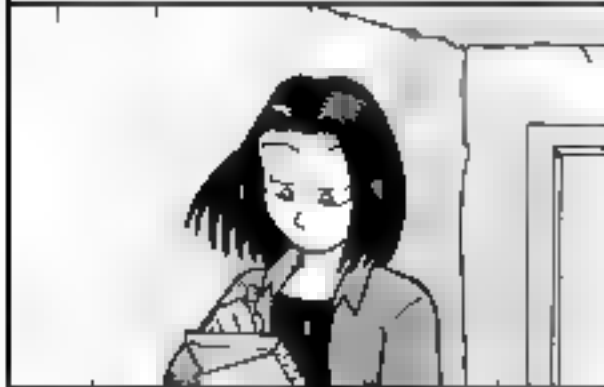
I WAS STUNNED WHEN I FIRST LOOKED
IN THE MIRROR AFTER TRANSFORMING
I DIDN'T SEE ME LOOKING BACK THERE
WAS SOME NAKED HANDSOME GUY IN
MY PLACE IN A WAY, I FELT LIKE I
HAD LEFT MY BODY ALTOGETHER



I HAD EXPECTED PERVERSION INSTEAD,
I JUST FEEL LIKE A TALL JOCK I'M
EVEN PRESSING HARDER WITH MY
PENCIL AS I WRITE I SHOULD SWITCH
TO A PEN AS SOON AS I CAN OR I'LL
SPEND THE NIGHT SHARPENING PENCILS.



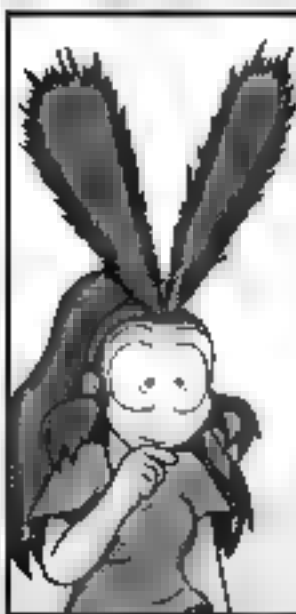
I LL HAVE TO PUT OFF WRITING MORE
UNTIL LATER I VE BEEN IN THE BOOTH
LONGER THAN WAS PROBABLY EXPECTED
OF ME AND GRACE IS MOST LIKELY
GETTING TIRED OF WAITING FOR ME
TO FINISH GETTING DRESSED



SUSANI AREN'T YOU DONE
GETTING DRESSED YET? OTHER
PEOPLE NEED TO GO ZAPPY!







YOU KNOW IN THE AMOUNT
OF TIME THEY'VE BEEN DOWN
THERE I COULD'VE JUST
GROWN MY OWN--



MAN-SUSAN'S
UPSTAIRS!



OH THANK GOD THAT
SENTENCE GOT INTERRUPTED!

"MAN-SUSAN"?!



YOU'D PREFER
"SUSAN-MAN"?

OOH.

LOOK SO
DIFFERENT

YOU
STOLE MY
HAIRCUT !



LET ME THROUGH. LET ME
THROUGH THIS MOMENT OF
MANLY SUSAN-NESS MUST
BE PHOTOGRAPHICALLY
DOCUMENTED!



YOWZA

I'M
STANDING
RIGHT HERE?

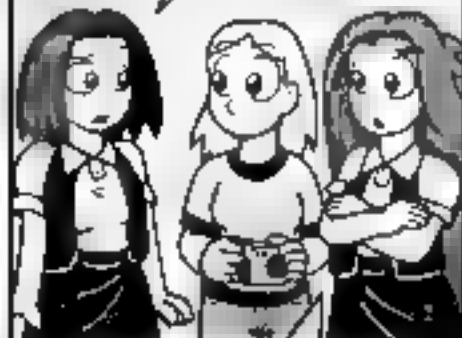


I'M SORRY ELLIOT BUT
LOOK AT HIM!

YEAH I
GUESS HE
IS HOT



UM. DUDE ?



WHAT? I M WEARING A
SKIRT, AND I HAVE BOOBS.
I M NOT GOING TO START
WORRYING ABOUT MY
MANLY IMAGE NOW!

FLASH



SO WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING A GUY SUSAN?



I KEEP THINKING DIRTY THOUGHTS ABOUT ALL OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS I'M RECALLING YOU GETTING DRESSED FOR GYM, AND I'M ALL WEIRDED OUT!!

I'M TALLER NOW SO EVERYTHING ELSE SEEMS SMALLER I ALSO FEEL STRONGER THAN BEFORE



WELL, YEAH IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU'D FEEL A LITTLE STRONGER AS A GUY WHAT ELSE? ANY "GUY" THOUGHTS YET?

NO YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND I DON'T JUST FEEL A "LITTLE" STRONGER I FEEL REALLY REALLY STRONG RIGHT NOW!



OK SO YOU'RE A "LOT" STRONGER.

YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME DO YOU? YOU DON'T THINK I'M STRONG! WELL, I THINK YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT THAT SOMEBODY ELSE MIGHT BE STRONGER THAN YOU!

IS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?!



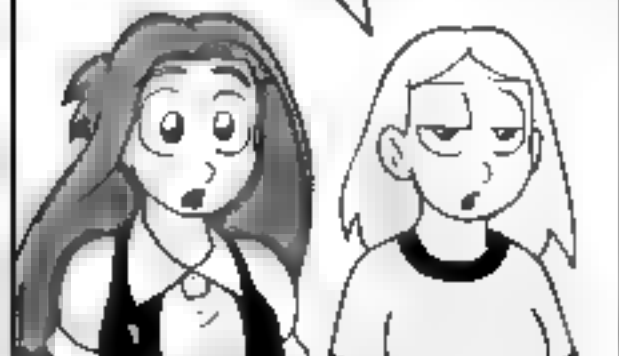
THAT'S IT! YOU AND ME! ARM WRESTLING! RIGHT NOW!

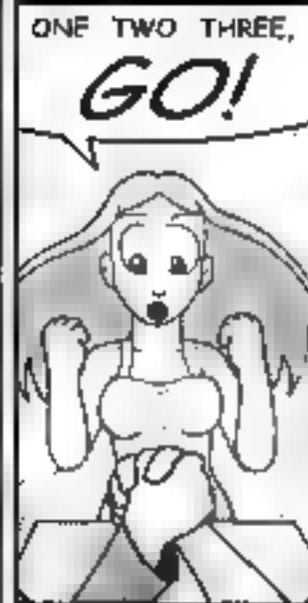
FINE!



SUSAN'S COMPETITIVENESS MUST BE A SIDE EFFECT OF HER BEING A GUY!

I'D SAY IT'S MORE A SIDE EFFECT OF HER BEING SUSAN







WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT PEOPLE
ASSOCIATE NUDITY WITH SEX?



YOU DIDN'T
KNOW THAT?

WHAT? NO!
WHY? WHY
WOULD YOU
THINK I
KNEW THAT?



ONE OF THE FIRST
THINGS YOU EVER SAID
TO ME WAS THAT
THERE WAS NOTHING
SEXUAL ABOUT YOU
ONLY WEARING A
TRENCH COAT!

THAT WAS DIFFERENT! I WAS ONLY
WEARING A TRENCH COAT! HEDGE TOLD
ME THAT PEOPLE WHO WALK AROUND
WEARING NOTHING BUT A TRENCH COAT
ARE SEX-CRAZED MEAN PEOPLE!



HE WAS TALKING ABOUT *FLASHERS*!
THEY WALK AROUND AND "FLASH"
PEOPLE BY OPENING UP THEIR COATS
AND SHOWING THEIR NAKEDNESS!

OH OK, I.
I NEVER DID
UNDERSTAND
THAT BEFORE



BUT THAT'S
STILL DIFFERENT!
IT SOUNDS
LIKE THEY'RE
"FLASHING" FOR
DIRTY REASONS!
MY REASONS
AREN'T DIRTY!



ALL OF OUR FRIENDS. THEY MUST
THINK I'M THAT MAYBE I WAS
TRYING TO OH NO SARAH'S SEEN
ME TOTALLY NAKED!



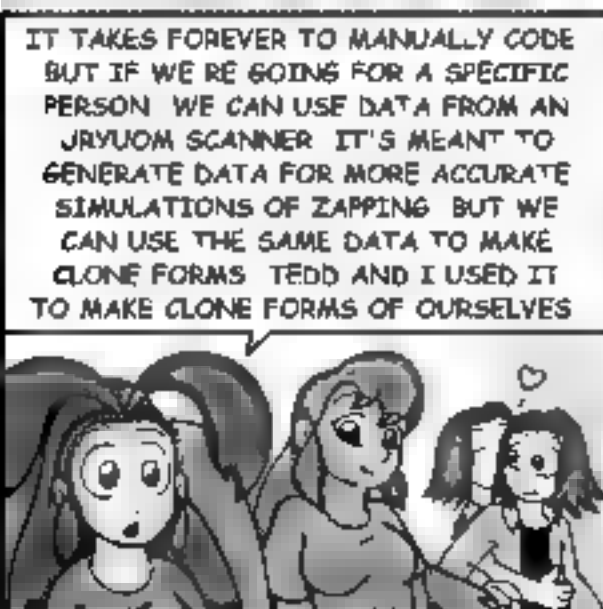
I MADE SARAH THINK SEXY
THOUGHTS ABOUT ME~!!!



WAIT WHEN
WAS THIS ??







ONCE I'M TRANSFORMED INTO A GUY, I'LL BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT AND ACT ON MY ATTRACTIONS OPENLY WITHOUT GIVING MYSELF AWAY!

IT'LL BE SO GREAT TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO DO THAT!

WAIT A MINUTE
WHAT EXACTLY IS MY
PLAN HERE ?

HELLO EVERYONE!
I'M A GUY NOW!

REALLY?

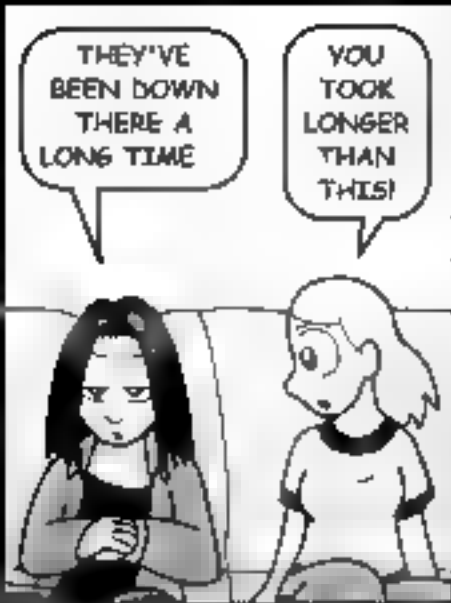
HEY ELLEN!
I FIND YOU
ATTRACTIVE!

WOW! IF YOU WEREN'T
A GUY RIGHT NOW I
WOULD BE HIGHLY
SUSPICIOUS ABOUT YOUR
SEXUAL ORIENTATION!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CUDDLE UNDER A
BLANKET WATCH A MOVIE AND MAYBE
MAKE OUT WHILE IN THE COMPANY OF
SIX OF OUR FRIENDS? I ONLY ASK
BECAUSE I'M A GUY, OF COURSE

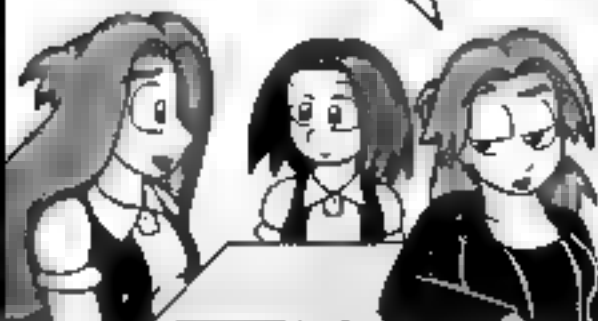
I WOULD LOVE TO! YAY!

THERE'S NOTHING
QUITE LIKE HAVING A WELL
THOUGHT OUT PLAN



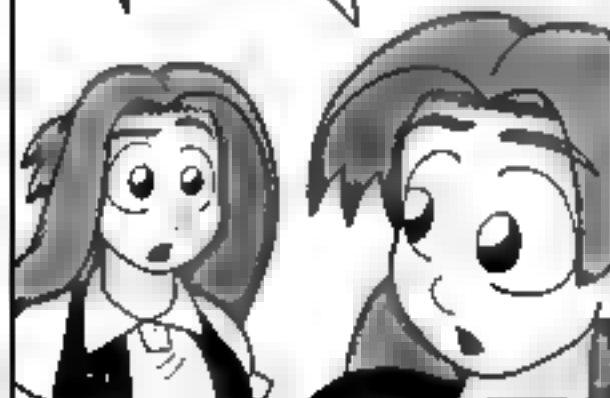
WOW ONCE NANASE'S DONE THAT'LL JUST LEAVE SARAH AND GRACE I GUESS THAT'S WHEN THE PARTY WILL REALLY GET STARTED!

EAGER TO GET BACK ON THE BROKEN IN SOFA, EH?



WHAT?

C'MON, ELLIOT! YOU'RE NOT BIG ON SOCIAL GATHERINGS, AND YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO LET LOOSE AT PARTIES



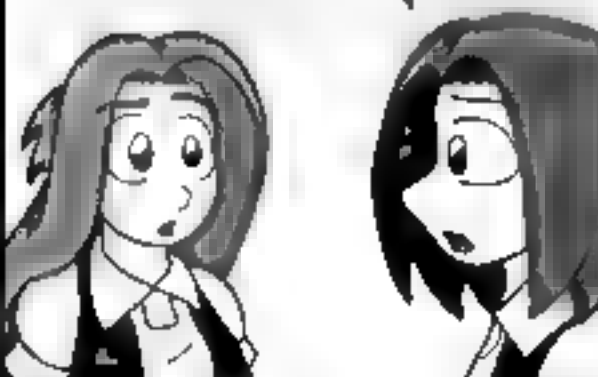
DON'T YOU MEAN "WE"? WE'RE KIND OF SIMILAR YOU KNOW



SIMILAR BUT NOT THE SAME I DON'T HOLD BACK LIKE YOU DO EVEN TEDD'S DAD CAN TELL YOU'RE A STICK-IN-THE-MUD. THAT'S WHY HE MADE YOU THE SUPERVISOR OF THIS PARTY

IS THAT TRUE?

UM. SORRY BUT YEAH IT IS HE HAS CHARTS AND GRAPHS AND EVERYTHING



SOMEONE WHO MAKES UNNECESSARY CHARTS AND GRAPHS THINKS I'M A STICK-IN-THE-MUD?

HEY! CHARTS AND GRAPHS ARE COOL!



WHAT THOSE CHARTS ALSO SAY IS THAT I'M BASICALLY AN OUTGOING GIRL VERSION OF YOU WITHOUT ALL THE WOODEN RESTRAINT

YOU'RE LIKE ME IF I WAS BEING DIRECTED BY GEORGE LUCAS

YOU TAKE THAT BACK!







GOOD LORD IF ALL THAT BEEF WAS HIDING UNDER YOU BEFORE IT'S NO WONDER I WAS LESS THAN VICTORIOUS EARLIER



AND AT THIS HEIGHT I CAN DO SOMETHING I COULD NEVER DO BEFORE!

WHAT'S THAT?

WAIT WHAT?

PICK YOU UP



EEK!

LIFT!



HA HA HA! SORRY JUSTIN! I JUST COULDN'T--



UM R-RESIST

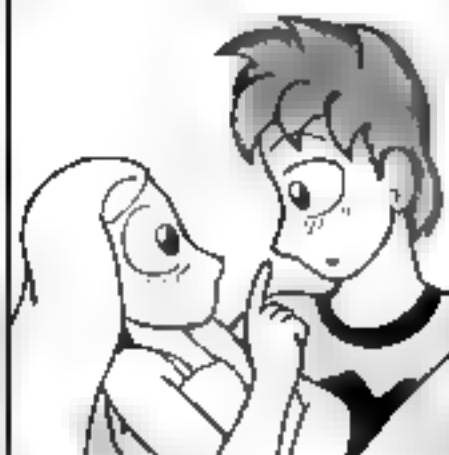


YOU STILL HAVE MAKEUP ON

WHAT?



FLASH



NOW THAT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH PHOTO TO BEAT!



OK, SARAH. NOW IT'S YOUR
TURN! I CAN TAKE YOUR "BEFORE"
PICTURE FOR YOU IF YOU WANT!

WHAT? IT CAN'T BE MY
TURN ALREADY CAN IT?



WELL, YEAH!
ELLEN'S NOT
GOING ZAPPY,
AND EVERYONE
ELSE HAS. SO
IT'S YOUR
TURN NOW!

NO BECAUSE
YOU STILL
HAVEN'T GONE
YET! YOU
SHOULD GO
FIRST! I CAN
WAIT!



ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING WE'D DO
IT THE SAME WAY TEDD AND ELLIOT
DID. YOU CAN USE THE BOOTH, AND
I CAN TRANSFORM MYSELF USING
THE SECOND TRANSFORMATION GUN.

OH YEAH. I
I GUESS THAT MAKES
SENSE. BUT



SARAH,
IS SOMETHING
WRONG?



WRONG?
NOTHING'S WRONG! I'M
NOT SCARED AT ALL!

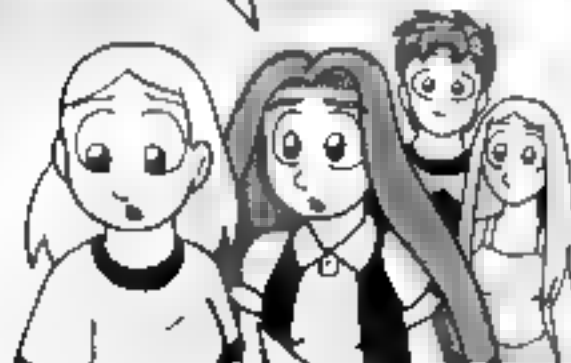
HEY, IS THAT A
DEMONIC DUCK
OF SOME SORT?



SO WHAT THIS
A PARTY? COOL.



SARAH, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO SOMETHING AFTER POINTING OUT THE DEMONIC DUCK



I KNOW BUT HE DISTRACTED ME, TOO

ACTUALLY I'M NOT DEMONIC PEOPLE ASSUME I AM BECAUSE OF HOW I LOOK. BUT



SARAH, WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT YOU WERE EXCITED ABOUT BEING TRANSFORMED?

OH SURE
INTERRUPT THE DUCK

I AM! ABOUT THE AFTER PART! ABOUT SEEING WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A GUY AND TRYING TO BE A GOOD BOYFRIEND! IT'S THE BEFORE PART THAT'S SCARY!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT DO I MEAN? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ME STANDING NAKED IN A BOOTH AND SHOOTING MYSELF WITH A GUN THAT BLASTS OUT GREEN ENERGY THAT WILL RESHAPE MY ENTIRE BODY!



WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG? WHAT IF I GET STUCK IN SOME OTHER FORM? THIS WHOLE THING IS SCARY! WEREN'T YOU ALL SCARED ABOUT GETTING "ZAPPED" AT FIRST?!



HECK NO!

NOT ABOUT THAT NO

PROBABLY SHOULD'VE BEEN

I JUMPED IN HEAD FIRST

NO

WELL

NO NOT REALLY



MEREOW

SOUNDS KINDA COOL

SARAH, TRUST ME! I'M AN EXPERT ON THIS STUFF AND THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO BE WORRIED ABOUT!



TRUST YOU? THAT'S A BIG HELP! I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE HALF THIS SCARED IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU!

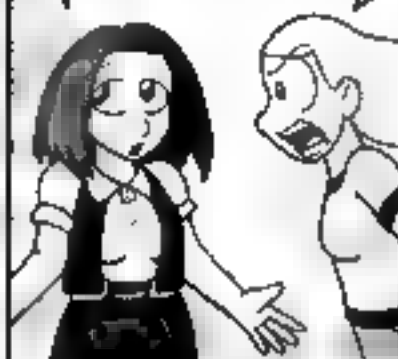
ME? WHAT ARE YOU-- WAIT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT "INCIDENT" WE HAD A WHILE BACK?



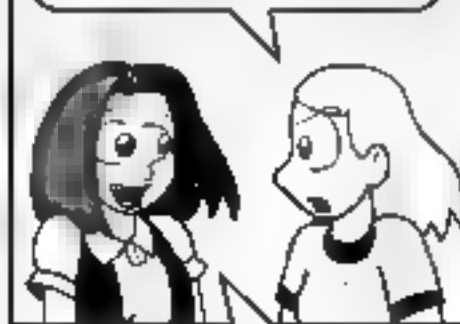
YOU TURNED ME INTO A CATGIRL!

THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT! AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE TOTALLY FURRY

MY TAIL WAS!



AND HOW CAN YOU CALL THAT AN "ACCIDENT"? YOU FIRED IT RIGHT AT ME!



I WAS JUST JOKING AROUND! I THOUGHT THE GUN DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO FIRE!

NO. INSTEAD, IT JUST HAD ENOUGH POWER TO TRANSFORM ME OVERLOAD, AND FORCE ME TO WAIT TO CHANGE BACK! I HAD TO DITCH SCHOOL.



IT ONLY OVERLOADED BECAUSE OF HOW LOW THE POWER WAS WHEN I FIRED! THE GUNS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING RECHARGED TONIGHT AND YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED IN SICK BACK THEN!

IT'S HARD TO CALL IN SICK WHEN ALL YOU CAN SAY IS "MEOW"!



WE ARE SO GOING TO HAVE TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY BEHIND THIS SOMETIME



TOTALLY



HEY, WAIT A SECOND! SARAH! WOULD YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT THIS IF YOU HAD A BACKUP OF YOURSELF?



GRACE WAS TELLING ME THAT THERE'S A SCANNER WE CAN USE TO MAKE A FORM THAT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE PERSON SCANNED! IF WE DO THAT WITH YOU YOU'LL HAVE A WAY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG!



THAT'S RIGHT! TEDD AND I BOTH HAVE CLONE FORMS OF OURSELVES PROGRAMMED!



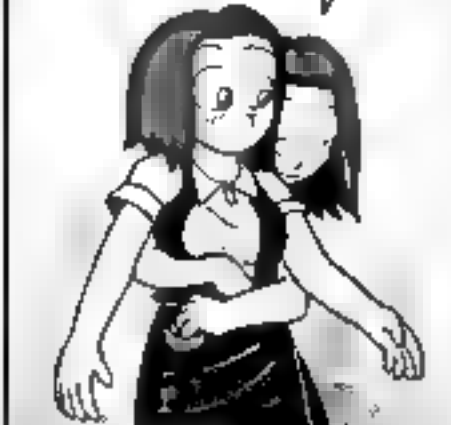
YEP! CHECK IT OUT! WE EVEN HAVE SOME ALTERNATE FORMS SAVED. LIKE GIRL TEDD!



SEE? WE'RE TWINS! IT'S LIKE WE'RE TWO OF THE SAME PERSON!



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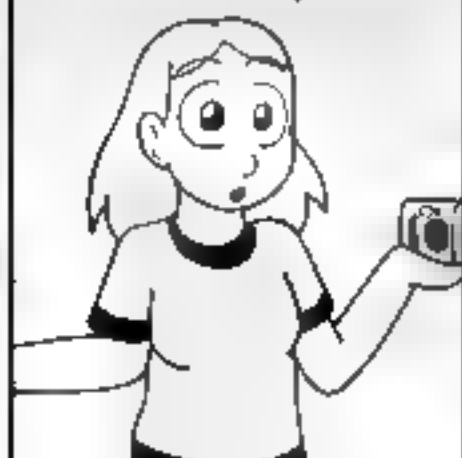


I DON'T KNOW WHAT SCARES ME MORE: BEING ZAPPED OR GIVING TEDD A WAY TO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE ME



OF COURSE IF YOU WERE SCANNED NOW YOU WOULD LATER HAVE A WAY TO LOOK LIKE SEVENTEEN AGAIN AT ANY AGE

AND THE SCALES TIP



SO ARE YOU OK WITH BEING ZAPPED NOW SARAH?



WELL IT'S STILL PRETTY SCARY BUT YOU GUYS ALL CAME OUT OK. AND IF I CAN "BACK MYSELF UP" I'M KINDA OUT OF EXCUSES

BUT LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT TEDD IF YOU DO ANYTHING WITH MY FORM WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. I WILL GIVE YOU THE HAMMERING OF A LIFETIME!

DULY NOTED



WITH A REAL HAMMER

EEP



OK THAT'S ENOUGH THREATENING TO HIT MY TEDDY'S NOGGIN WITH A BLUNT OBJECT! LET'S GO ZAPPY SO WE CAN FINALLY ORDER SOME PIZZA!

PIZZA? WE'RE ORDERING PIZZA?



YEAH! IT'S THE COOLEST THING IN THE WORLD! YOU JUST CALL THESE PEOPLE AND THEY BRING FOOD RIGHT TO YOUR HOUSE! THEY EVEN COOK IT FOR YOU AND EVERYTHING! IT'S AMAZING!



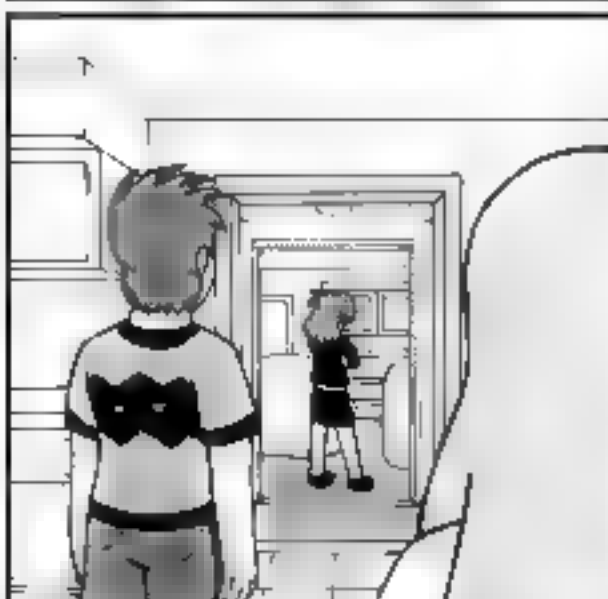
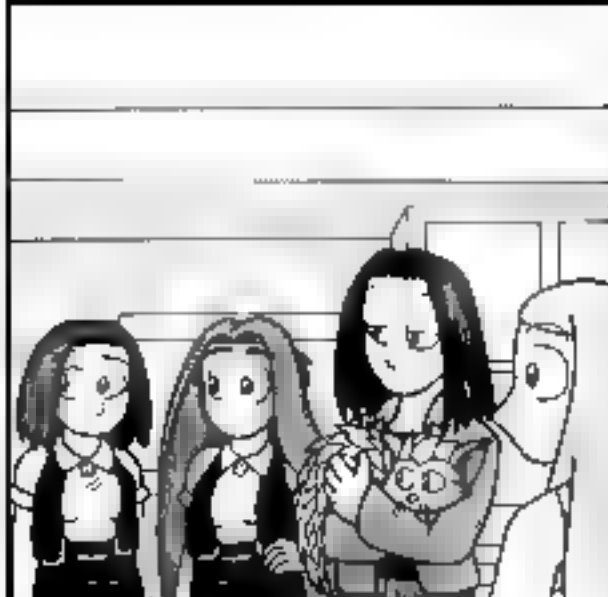
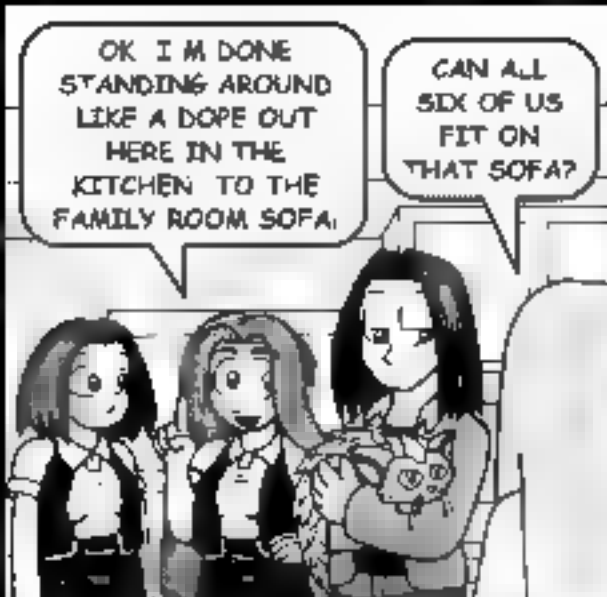
YEAH-HUH. SO WE'RE HAVING PIZZA AND CAKE ON THE SAME NIGHT?

YEP!

I DON'T SUPPOSE CALORIES TAKEN IN WHILE TRANSFORMED WON'T COUNT AFTER TURNING BACK TO NORMAL?

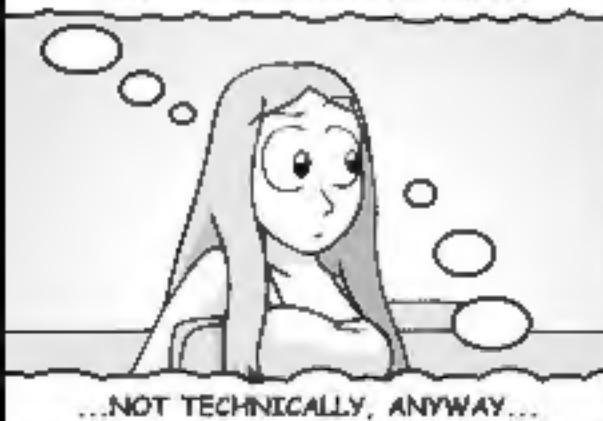
YOU'D THINK THAT BUT NO!







IT'S SO TEMPTING TO SNEAK CLOSER TO THE DOORWAY AND TRY TO HEAR NANASE AND ELLEN, BEST I STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR THEM, THOUGH. I DON'T WANT TO BE AN EAVESDROPPER!



...NOT TECHNICALLY, ANYWAY...

HEY, TOOTS. CAN YOU GET ME A BEER?

MMPH!!!



YOU ALMOST MADE ME SHRIEK, YOU STUPID DUCK!

HEY! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATED!



SO. BEER?

THERE'S NO BEER OR ALCOHOL OF ANY KIND. BELIEVE ME, I'VE LOOKED.



NO ALCOHOL? WHAT KIND OF CRAPPY TEENAGE "MY PARENTS ARE OUT OF TOWN" PARTY IS THIS?

OH WELL... AT LEAST THIS PARTY'S GOT SOME HOT CHICKS... EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE CHICKS...

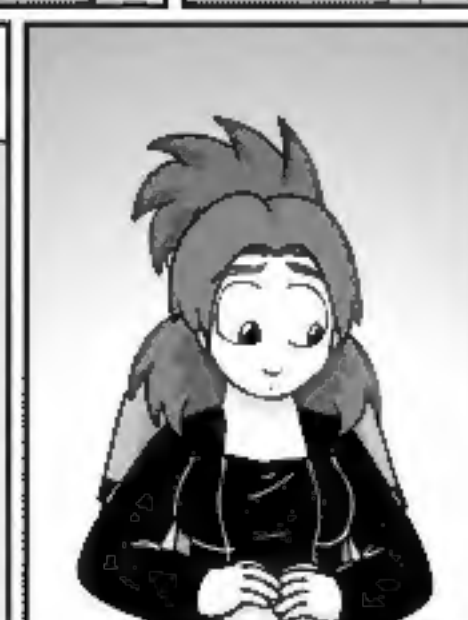
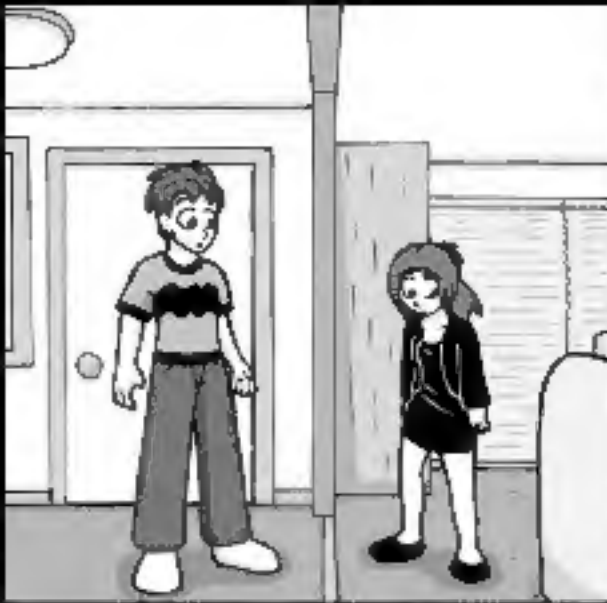


WHY WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HUMANS? SHOULDN'T YOU BE ATTRACTED TO DUCKS?

GEE, I DON'T KNOW. SHOULDN'T YOU BE ATTRACTED TO WOMEN?

...TOUCHÉ.





A LITTLE EARLIER, IN THE BASEMENT...

OK, SO, UM,
WHERE'S THIS
SCANNER...
DEALIE?

YOU PLAYED
CUPIDI!



WHAT?!

NO I
DIDN'T!

YOU KEPT YOUR PANTS
ON, BUT YOU STILL PLAYED
CUPIDI! YOU PLAYED CUPIDI!



YES, YOU DID! WHEN I WAS OPENING
PRESENTS, YOU MOVED SO ELLEN AND
NANASE COULD SIT TOGETHER!



WELL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SILLY FOR
ME TO SIT ACROSS FROM ELLIOT!
IT WAS OBVIOUSLY RIGHT FOR ME TO
SIT NEXT TO HIM!

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU START OUT
NEXT
TO HIM?

I... THOUGHT I WAS!
THE LIGHTING'S REALLY
NOT VERY GOOD IN THE
DINING ROOM.



OK, THEN WHAT ABOUT
THE GROUP PHOTO?



HEY, IT WAS PERFECTLY LOGICAL FOR
THEM TO BE NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN
THAT PHOTO FOR REASONS OTHER
THAN MY PLAYING CUPIDI!

BUT YOU
WERE
PLAYING
CUPID,

WELL, YEAH. THE LIGHTS
IN THE DINING ROOM
ARE LIKE A SUPERNOVA,
AND THE LOGIC BEHIND
THE PHOTO LAYOUT IS
LAUGHABLE.



